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2016 1st Technical Meeting Announcement

July 31, 2016 (Sunday) 1:30 p.m. Shinshu University, Tokyo Office

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(都営新宿線船堀駅から徒歩1分)

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Keynote by: Tomomi Ota

TEDx Tokyo Salon 2015 Speaker and Guest Panelist for 第54回日本SF大会

"A Little Narcissism is OK - Tips on how to Help Students Embrace Public Speaking Wholeheartedly"

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

Greetings and Registration (13:30)

Keynote talk

A Little Narcissism is OK – Tips on how to Help Students Embrace Public Speaking

Wholeheartedly

(Tomomi Ota)

Presentation #1

English Café: Open the Door to the World

(Kelvin Lai Siong Ong and Akimi Fujita)

Abstract

English Café is a place where students discuss and exchange ideas with students from all over the world, motivating ourselves to become global leaders someday. English Café is held every Friday during lunch hours at Faculty of Engineering, Shinshu University, fully run by students since December 2013, and is a predecessor of TEDxShinshuUniversity that started last year. Activities including 10 minute presentations and group discussions and debates followed by free-talk sessions encourage us to have our own opinions, to want to express our opinions, and to learn ways to express our opinions to people of diverse backgrounds. We observe nearly half Shinshu University Japanese students that have gone abroad since 2013 continue to participate in English Café after returning home. In addition, 34 out of 180 Japanese student participants so far left for study or volunteer work abroad for the first time in their lives, after participating in English Café. These numbers imply that English Café is a place to further develop our communication skills gained overseas, and is also opening the doors for students to the world outside. Furthermore, we are currently collecting TOEIC scores before and after students began attending English Café, in order to assess the effects of English Café on students' realization of the importance of attaining basic English skills for global communication.

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