

Main Text (The essay must be 1 page in English or Japanese)

Essay Title: Achievements within a year

Although I just became a member of IEEE a year ago, I have already learned lots of things through IEEE activities. As a student member, we are given opportunities to visit some companies and talk to people who is active in this field. Besides them, I had a lot of wonderful experiences through establishing our student branch, participating in Region 10 Congress and opening IEEE Day in Japan.

My first challenge in IEEE was establishing a student branch at our university. The opportunity to become an IEEE member and the motivation to establish a student branch was participating short exchange program with the University of Hawaii last summer. Activities of IEEE student branch at the University of Hawaii was really active and we were very impressed to see their attitude to learn from each other. Therefore one of exchange students, who is now a chair of our student branch, took a pivotal role to establish a student branch at our university and I made exertions to help him. However, establishing the student branch is just a stepping stone and our goal as student branch is "enhancing students' technical knowledge about engineering and providing opportunities to network with each other". We are now making a collective effort to this goal. To achieve such a goal, I think it is important to ask for advise experienced people like a counselor and student members at other universities and also to address issues cooperating with members of the student branch after discussing well. We have already run some events, for example, C-programming workshop for freshman, welcome party for freshmen, social with exchange students from the University of Hawaii and IEEE Day Party. I would like to continue to act as one of members of the student branch to achieve the goal.

Moreover, one of my greatest experiences through IEEE activities is participation in Region 10 Congress. I was luckily chosen as a delegate from Japan for R10 Congress this year and had an international exchange with about 200 delegates from Asian countries. Through the congress, I learned the differences of educational environment and came in touch with different cultures. It was also a good opportunity to know about student branch activities of other countries and extend our future activities as student branch. It was really great for me to be exposed to diverse cultures and broaden my mind like this.

Furthermore, one of my biggest challenges through IEEE activities was opening IEEE Day Party in Japan. The motivation to open IEEE Day Party was that a member of the IEEE Day Team who I met at R10 Congress has encouraged me to be an IEEE Day Ambassador. It was a big challenge and a difficult goal for me to open IEEE Day because there was no precedent for an IEEE Day in Japan and there was no ambassador in Japan but me. Nevertheless, with advices from other delegates of R10 congress, professor Ohno, a chair of Tokyo GOLD and professor Tanaka, a counselor of our student branch, we could make it to opening IEEE Day Party and it ended successfully. Through organizing and managing the event, I realized that most of people would be willing to give a helping hand if asked and it is challenging but worth trying to do something that has not been done before. Additionally it was a good experience to enhance my management and leadership skills.

In conclusion, since I have become a student member of IEEE last year, I have acquired a tough mind not to be afraid of challenging new things and learned there is always someone who would give me a hand in such a situation. These things will become important assets in my life and for my future career. I would like to have various experiences with lots of inspirations in the future too.