ミュンヘン工科大学との交流イベント

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2005年10月6日、17日に、ミュンヘン工科大学と京都大学との交流企画「日本における' Frontier Sciences 'の開発」が開催されました。これは日本の機械工学に対する日本のインペリアル工科大学の観光及び京都大学の校長・大学院の方向性を結びつける、両大学間の関係を深める目的で行われました。交流の範囲は、京都大学であるが、機械工学の教育及び研究に影響を与えるものと考えられます。

楠本工学部工科大学のHannemann Keldi 教授、楠本工学部工科大学のKaelin 教授は、両大学の会場でプレゼンテーションを行い、それぞれの大学の教育及び研究の動向について述べました。この交流イベントは、機械工学の分野における国際的な連携を促進することを目的としています。
Three Days of Friendship which will Last Forever

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"Will you go on a trip to be organized by the Engineering Faculty?", I was asked by Ohashi-san on my arrival. Without wanting a moment I replied ‘yes!’, however, I never imagined that the coming trip would be such a wonderful and unforgettable endeavor. I was so excited about the trip that on the fairly chilly morning of the 28th of November, I reached Kyoto station half an hour earlier than scheduled. Nevertheless, I was not the first one there, many participants were already waiting and others soon arrived. Everyone was anxiously waiting to experience the Shinkansen as a gorgeous Nonomi arrived at the platform to take us on a magnificent trip to Sakazuki, Kurashiki and Okayama Area.

The trip was nicely planned and included almost every feature that a newcomer to Japan might love to see and enjoy: from the very traditional Japanese temple Kiyomizudera to the exotic toilet seat made of 24 carat gold, from making of soft and tender Japanese udon noodles to hard and strong, from a man made golden tower to serene natural views of Ritsurin-koen Park, from historical quarters of Kurashiki Bikan and Okayama Castle to the symbol of modern Japan, the glorious Seto Ohashi Bridge.

Everyone enjoyed and appreciated comfortable accommodations including Japanese traditional Onsen and delicious Japanese cuisine for dinner and breakfast. The most exciting part of the trip was our last night at Shirokanes Hotel facing the breathtaking view of Seto Ohashi Bridge and a small beach. We had a party that night and the games we played during the party and later on the beach were perhaps the most active moments in the trip, with the undoing making of the previous day coming a close second.

On behalf of all the participating students, I would like to sincerely thank the organizers, teachers and staff for arranging such a fantastic trip and giving us a chance to enjoy the beauty of Japan and learn about its culture. I would like to take this opportunity to present a suggestion which I received from most of the participants before writing this article, that if an English speaking guide would have been added, perhaps everyone would have learned a little more about the sites that we visited. 

Our trip ended when we returned back to Kyoto again aboard the comfortable Shinkansen. Everyone was sad to see the trip end, but we were warm with the friendship that we formed, and this will never be ending.