

Joint Company Information Session in Civil Engineering for International Students

IAC International Student Network Group held a Joint Company Information Session in Civil Engineering for International Students at the JSCE HQ in Tokyo on 31st May 2014. The objective of that Session is to provide international students who are currently studying in Japan with information on Japanese construction companies and job opportunities. It was the second time for the Group to organize the Session following last year's one. 12 companies participated this year and 9 out of those companies made presentations on their business activities. The 9 companies also set up their booths at which they placed their brochures and met international student in person. Total 47 students attended the Session mainly from universities in the Kanto region.



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The 12 Participating Companies are:

Chodai Co., Ltd., Dai Nippon Construction, Eight-Japan Engineering Consultants Inc., KATAHIRA & ENGINEERS INTERNATIONAL, KATAHIRA & ENGINEERS Inc., KISO-JIBAN CONSULTANTS CO., LTD., NIPPON KOEI CO., LTD., Nishimatsu Construction Co., Ltd., OBAYASHI CORPORATION, SHIMIZU CORPORATION, TAISEI CORPORATION and TODA CORPORATION

Each of the companies delivered a 10-minute presentation on its business, projects, and job opportunities for international students at the beginning of the session. Then, those students, after listening to the presentations, moved to the companies' booths and learned businesses details, job opportunities and others.

The Session consisted of a short company-presentation time and a long company-student meeting time at booth, that was realized based on the feedback collected from the questionnaire issued at the last year's Session. This session structure helped the participants listen to the presentations attentively in a limited time-frame and acquire the information what they wanted to spending some time at company booths.

It was a good opportunity for both the companies and students to learn each other. There are many Japanese companies which have had little experience in hiring international students and not fully developed working conditions and requirements like the level of Japanese communication skills to hire international students so far. Accordingly, almost all of the students at the Session had little knowledge of the Japanese companies. The International Student Network Group, being aware of these facts, plans to hold the Session on a regular basis, once a year possibly, considering a proper time, organization, and others to respond to the feedback from the participants. The Group strongly will make the Session a major opportunity to liaise between the Japanese companies which look for qualified candidates and the international students who are interested in working in Japan.



A company rep talks his company business



Int'l students meet company reps.