

## Joint Company Information Session in Civil Engineering for International Students

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*Date & Time* : 6<sup>th</sup> of July, 2013 (Sat) 13:00-17:00

*Venue* : Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE) Yotsuya 1chome, Shinjyuku-ku, Tokyo

*Participant companies* :

JFE Engineering Corporation, Katahira & Engineers Inc., Obayashi Corporation, Shimizu Corporation, Chodai Co., Ltd., Eight-Japan Engineering Consultants Inc., Nippon Koei Co., Ltd., Obayashi Road Corporation, Oriental Consultants Co., Ltd., East Nippon Expressway Company Limited, NEXCO-East Engineering Company Limited, Nippon Road Co., Toda Corporation

*Organizer* : International Students Network Group, International Activities Centre, JSCE

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International Students Network Group, JSCE, held a Joint Company Information Session in Civil Engineering for International Students at the JSCE headquarter in Tokyo on 6<sup>th</sup> July. It aimed to provide international students with information on Japanese construction companies and job opportunities. 13 construction companies participated and 8 out of them gave a presentation to introduce their business activities. Also, those companies set up their booths to meet the international students. Total 55 international students attended mainly from universities in the Kanto region (area near Tokyo).



Opening Session



Keynote Lecture by Dr. Phan Huu Duy Quoc

In the first session, a lecture was given by Dr. Phan Huu Duy Quoc who came from Vietnam as an international student and got a Ph.D. Now he works at Shimizu Cooperation. He talked his experience in school and his work in Japan. He emphasized the advantage of studying and working in Japan where he could relate to the latest technologies and big projects. Students gave questions and received useful information from the presentations and at the company booths.

It was the first event for the JSCE to hold the Joint Company Information Session. Although it has been recognized that the globalization of Japanese construction companies is indispensable and many companies are interested in employing international students, there are few opportunities that construction companies and international students directly meet and discuss with each other. Many companies in other industries have started hiring international students actively, and there are many job forums nowadays. The International Students Network Group first did a questionnaire survey to construction companies to see their interests in the event, and then decided to hold it. Also,

some international students wanted to get information or job in Japanese construction companies.



Presentations by participant companies

Therefore, it was a nice opportunity for both those international students and companies. However, the information of Japanese companies such as international business activities, job information, and required Japanese language levels for working was not well given to the international students.

JSCE will hold the session annually to provide international students and construction companies with the chance to learn and talk with each other.



Entrance hall of JSCE venue



Booth session