

## Description of my impressions

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It was the first time not only to visit China but also to go abroad for me. Before leaving Japan, There were many things I felt so anxious; my presentation, communication skill, and even I don't know what should behave at the airport to check in! However, I got unforgettable experiences through this forum after all. I'd like to say thanks to all of members who attended this forum.

In my "Environment" section, the atmosphere was not good through the meeting period. There were a few audiences when the presentation was even begun. I was very surprised that Time-Keeper called the rest of presentation time checking with a clock on the wall (They didn't have any timers). Moreover, there were a few questions too; most of them were from Chinese student / teacher to Chinese presenter. I asked some questions too, but I could not spread out more technically because it was difficult for me to understand the different major. I did want to understand and share the knowledge of other researches. In my presentation, I think my speech was done confidently. The only one thing I disappointed was not to be displayed text correctly in my presentation. It made my audience difficult to read and understand. However, I'm very proud to receive a wonderful award. In fact, I had a confidence with my pronunciation and how to vary the pace of my speech. So I'm really proud to be evaluated them also.

Through this forum, I could communicate with friends aggressively although I'm always quiet and shy. Unlike Japan, I was allowed not to attention to use polite expressions when speaking English. That's why I could do with relaxed. All of members were kind to me such as the first visit to foreign country, and often took many photos with me. We were always in high energetic, made us laugh everywhere each other, and it seemed as if we went on an excursion of junior high school. It was so funny, enjoyable and exciting time!

From this forum, I could get more confidence to express my English, aggressive communication to other people, and how to express my character. I really want to say thanks to all of professors for giving me such precious opportunity to attend this forum. I never want to forget these experiences, not just "forget". Thank you very much.





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“Doctrinal Forum of China and the 4<sup>th</sup> China-Japan Graduate Student Forum (DFC & 4<sup>th</sup> CJGSF)” was held from 25th to 26th September, 2011, in Beijing, China. In this year, the forum was upgraded from Japan-China Graduate Student Forum (JCGSF), which had been started from 2008 at university of Tsukuba as an educational program for international and academic exchange.

I already experienced pre-student forum (2008), a general manager of 1<sup>st</sup> JCGSF (2008) and 3<sup>rd</sup> JCGSF (2010), thus it was actually 4<sup>th</sup> opportunity for me to attend the forum. Although the essential concept of DFC & 4<sup>th</sup> CJGSF was almost the same as JCGSF, the number of presentation was increased to over 100 and the total scale was greatly expanded. In addition, the gap between each academic session was further emphasized (Resource: Environment: Life= 29: 59: 17). Because of these factors, the forum had some difficulty in management and seemed to be more complex than before. The variety of subjects should be maintained in any way. However, the system was basically good and there was no critical problem due to organizer’s effort.

I played a role as a chair person in one of two life sessions. The session was mostly successful but some serious problems were still remained. Some participants did not make full use of their time. Misunderstanding between Japanese and Chinese students was frequently observed mainly due to limited vocabulary and unclear pronunciation. These subjects should be sincerely considered by all speakers. High-quality proceeding was very impressive but the heavy work led delay for printing and severe restriction in handling. I expect earlier print of proceeding in the next forum which will facilitate good understanding. On the other hand, some chair persons stated in closing ceremony that Japanese speakers did well. It must suggest that our trial efforts for presentation and communication, with great helps by professors and staffs of COSMOS café internationale respectively, certainly made sense.

I felt that JCGSF became to be naturally accepted by attendees during 4 years. Actually I have some Chinese friends who are students of university of Tsukuba now taking advantage of attendance to the forum. So JCGSF surely contributes to internationalization of university of Tsukuba. Obviously, JCGSF has been launched completely and is proceeding to the next step.

I express my gratitude for all attendees and organizers of DFC & 4<sup>th</sup> CJGSF.

# My impression of 4th Japan-China Graduate Student Forum in Beijing

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This forum is truly fruitful for me. This is very good chance to improve my presentation skill because I had to think about what is efficient way to express my data to students from other study fields in English. Also, we had many discussions about presentation of other students from Tsukuba to improve them. "Simple is the best" is great lesson for us. All participants from University of Tsukuba seem to get great sense of achievement after their presentation. On the other hand, it was regrettable that few students from China canceled their presentation because they lost great chance for practice.

About administration of forum, staffs of China did really wonderful job. They almost perfectly worked on publication of papers, planning for schedule, making a "handbook", setting up presentation rooms, construction of ceremony hall, chairing ceremony, preparing for a award, chairing party, arrangement of hotel and meals, arrangement of bus from and to airport, tour conduction, and so on. I express my deep thanks to such a great work.

It is noteworthy that some student worked as volunteers. They took turns at their works between their classes. I also heard that they had staff meeting at late night every day. It was impossible that forum could be successful without their hard work.

For next year, we Japanese student have to think about ourselves. And this 4th forum is great successful example. Obviously, we cannot do same schedule as in China University of Geosciences, but we have to assess what we can do in University of Tsukuba.

This forum is very successful for communication between students. Many students from Tsukuba had meaningful cultural exchange with student of China. Also we had great chance to know each other with student from Hokkaido, Fukushima, and Tokushima. I hope that the trust between each student can produce further cooperation in the future.

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