

The 7th China-Japan-Korea Graduate Student Forum in Beijing

The 7th China-Japan-Korea Graduate Student Forum was held at the Geosciences International Conference Center of China University of Geosciences (CUG) in Beijing, China, from Sept 26 to 29, 2014. About 200 people from the total of 13 institutions in the three countries (6 in China, 5 in Japan, and 2 in Korea) participated in the forum. From University of Tsukuba (UT), 16 graduate and 3 undergraduate students, and 7 staffs joined the forum.

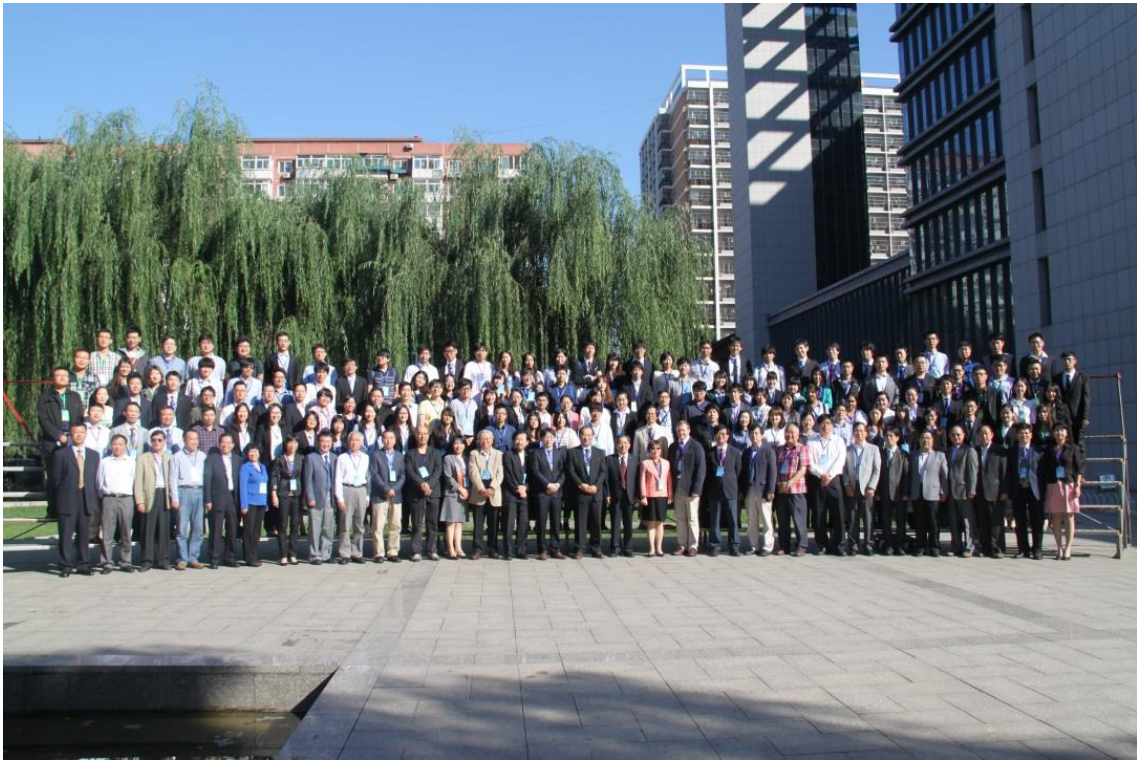
The annual forum is intended for training of students in the skills for meeting-organization and presentation, as well as for providing an opportunity for international interactions and mutual understanding. It is an interdisciplinary forum participated by students in research fields including geosciences, biological sciences, and agrobiological resource sciences. This year, the forum was organized mainly by graduate students in CUG. The forum consisted of three sessions, Life, Environment, and Resources, and each session was held for two days. The presentations includes two keynote speeches given by representatives of CUG and Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences in Chinese Academy of Sciences, and 127 general oral presentations.

At the farewell party on Sept 28, the participants from UT showed how to fold an origami crane, which facilitated friendly interactions. At the award giving ceremony in the party, UT students received a total of 13 prizes (5 first, 3 second, and 5 third prizes), indicating the high quality of their researches and English presentation skills.

The forum was a great success with friendly atmosphere and a lot of interactions between participants, thanks to the quality organization and hospitality of CUG, and also to the good Chinese food. At the China-Japan-Korea Board Meeting on Sept 28, it was decided that the next forum in 2015 will be held at UT, Japan, from Sept 16 to 19, 2015.

I would like to express sincere thanks to all the people, at UT, CUG and elsewhere, who worked hard to make this wonderful forum possible.

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The participants of the forum.



Meeting of the Organizing Committee at UT.



Presentation rehearsal by a student.



Discussion at the forum.



Origami workshop at the farewell party.



Speakers of the forum.