

Workshop in Istanbul

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What I gained through activities during the program

This activity was a great chance for me to visit my hometown again. First day I attend the cruise tour in the Bosphorus and try to explain the historical monuments of Istanbul to my Japanese colloquies. It was also interesting to see the reactions and listen the thoughts of the people in the cruise tour. I believe this kind of activity strengthens the bounds between Japanese and Turkish people.

Second day the opening address was given in Istanbul Technical University (ITU) and each participant introduced themselves. It was a good moment for everyone to know each other. Later on each participating university introduce themselves. Then short presentations given by students and young researchers.

After the second day due to my health condition I couldn't attend much of the fieldtrips but I believe they had been fruitful for the participants. I could attend laboratory visits in Energy Institute and Civil Engineering department. We visited research reactor located in Energy Institute and some laboratories related with earthquake engineering in civil engineering department.

In my opinion this kind of activity is very important for Turkish and Japanese people to create bound and understand each other more closely. Moreover, it is very important to share knowledge and creating a teamwork for future projects.

Suggestion for improvement / any other comments

I believe this kind of activity is very important for future collaboration between Turkey and Japan. Involving more departments such as mechanical engineering, chemical engineering and so on can increase number of people that interacts with each other and reinforce the relations. More teamwork based activities with mixed groups may enhance the information exchange. All in all, I would like to thank all the people who spend time to prepare and carry out the workshop. I believe it is a very important step to enhance the relationship between Turkey and Japan.