

## What I felt though this program in Turkey

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### What I gained through activities during the program

From February 22 to 26, 2016, I attended the workshop organized by Istanbul Technical University. In this workshop, deep discussion between Japanese and Turkish students and professors could lead me to wider range of research activities. In addition, I got new knowledge through discussion with researchers on earthquake engineering from the University of Tokyo or Tokyo Institute of Technology, and I found the future challenges of my study. Since the workshop was held in Istanbul Technical University, we were guided some of the facilities in the university. I felt that a library was the most impressive among those. The library of the Istanbul Technical University is opened for 24 hours, and students can be available for their own time. There are few universities which provide the library for 24 hours in Japan. However, I found that a lot of universities whose library was opened for 24 hours existed abroad. I assumed that the library had been made a decision that it is difficult to run for 24 hours due to the running cost. I found the students were strongly trusted by each foreign university including Istanbul Technical University.

After the meeting at ITU, we visited Ersel Heavy Machinery-Manufacturing Plant-Gebze, Eurasia Tunnel Construction Site, AFAD(Afet ve Acil Durum) Disaster Management Center Technical Facilities and Laboratories at ITU, and we were able to observe the work place which is different from Japan. The risk measures were considered to be enough in all sites, and some design base of disaster was beyond Japan. It was the most impressive that AFAD Disaster Management Center Technical Facilities can function 15 days without help from the outside. I noticed that each department was responsible for their actions in the case of huge disaster.

I thought that risk mitigation was managed enough in case of assumed disaster, but risk identification is seemingly limited. I thought that continuous improvement supported various countermeasures. I will make use of the knowledge that I got in Turkey

### Suggestion for improvement / any other comments

I noticed two improvements through this workshop. First, this program could not afford the time schedule. All students who would present poster performed short presentation in the plan,

however only some students performed short presentation due to lack of time. I would like to give my presentation. I felt that it should be given extra time when there are many presenters.

Second, Venue of the Poster Session had no spatial margin. I felt a venue of the poster session small because there were a lot of poster presenter, students and professors. Therefore It was difficult watching a poster and to explain it. I consider that other room should have been prepared.

Finally I would like to mention the point that I felt enough to in this program. Having relationship with many Turkish students was the best experience in this program. I was able to have relationship not only Turkish students who had come to University of Tokyo before but also Turkish students who had come to Tokyo Institute of Technology and any other Istanbul Technical University students. It was grateful to be provided a lot of time to interact with many Turkish students. In addition, Turkish language & Culture lecture of Professor Tekmen of Ankara University was a chance to be strongly interested in Turkish culture. I want next program to be such a valuable time.