

Collaboration between Tohoku University, INSA Lyon and Ecole Centrale de Lyon

ELyT school 2014 in Sendai: a beautiful moment of exchange and discovery!!!!

The sixth edition of the Summer School "ELyT school" took place from August 31st to September 10th, 2014 in Sendai (Japan) in the framework of the CNRS International Associated Laboratory (LIA) "[ELyT lab](#)" (Engineering Lyon Tohoku lab), which includes research laboratories in engineering from Tohoku University in Sendai, INSA Lyon and ECL. Every year (alternating between France and Japan), the summer school is intended to present the partner institutions to students from the other country (mainly engineering students and master students in order to present to them the master double-degree programs and promote the future implementation of co-supervised Ph.D. theses). In addition, since last year, the ELyT school is opened to common partners of the French and Japanese institutions in Japan (Tokai University and Kobe University), in China (Shanghai Jiao Tong University and Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics) and in Europe (University of Saarland in Saarbrücken and KTH in Stockholm). A total of 40 students (including 8 from ECL, 13 from INSA and 1 from ENISE) could meet and exchange during this summer school.

The program included scientific activities about the theme "Energy, Environment and Safety" with scientific presentations given by Japanese and French professors, research work in small groups with oral presentation, a tour of a natural gas power plant and a production site of photovoltaics energy, mutual discovery activities (students' presentations, campus tours of TU and its laboratories...) and cultural and touristic activities (tea ceremony, presentation of Japan and its history, trip to Hiraizumi...). A highlight occurred when a minute of silence was observed in a site devastated by the March 2011 tsunami in Onagawa, a town in complete reconstruction. The ELyT school ended with a traditional Japanese banquet in the presence of Jacques MALEVAL, Science and Technology counsel at the "Ambassade de France" in Tokyo.

The results of this ELyT school is very positive:

- The student presentations on their group work were excellent,
- Science presentations from the teachers were of a very high level and
- Many exchanges have taken place between the students, who have formed strong bonds of friendship...

French participants are ready to welcome their new friends and other students, for the next edition to be held in Lyon in 2015!!!

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Group photo in the Japanese sun, at Katahira campus of TU



The group of students and professors during the visit of the power plant



Minute of silence observed at Onagawa, in memory of the victims of the 2011 tsunami



Traditional tea ceremony



Fun time with the visit of Hiraizumi



Work time



Speech from Jacques Maleval during the closing banquet



Kampai (cheers) and see you next year...

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