

# *Invitation for ASCENT2013*

“Asian Students Collaboration Encouragement Program in Technology2013”

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Student Association for Global Exchange (SAGE) in Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan is organizing the exchange program called ASCENT2013.

This program targets the students in the science and engineering fields from Tokyo Tech (Japan), Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), Institute of Technology Bandung (Indonesia) and De La Salle University (Philippines).

We would like to offer the opportunity for the students from those universities to join this program.

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➤ **Abstract of ASCENT program**

**What is ASCENT?**

ASCENT stands for “Asian Students Collaboration Encouragement Program in Technology”. This program aims to establish further international networks among students in Asian countries by studying development of Asian industry together. We invite students who study technology in Asian countries to Japan for about 10 days. Program contains companies visiting, laboratories visiting in Tokyo Tech, special lecture, group discussion and presentation on the settled theme.

**Foundation of ASCENT**

ASCENT was first held in March 2010 by Student Association for Global Exchange, SAGE in Tokyo Tech. This program intended to be a complementation of JAYSES (Japan-Asia Young Scientist and Engineer Study Visit) program, which send Tokyo Tech Students to Asian countries organized by International Office of Tokyo Tech from 2007. JAYSES succeeded to draw students’ interests to the world and create a basis of the Asian student networks. We decided to organize ASCENT to strengthen the connections even more and to lead Asian development of economy and technology in the future.

**Program Purposes**

1. Establish international networks among Asian students
2. Improve the ability to solve global problems
3. Learn research and development in technology and its application process to society

**Effects on Students and Universities**

1. Establish friendship among Asian university students which is beneficial for our future development
2. Improve the ability to solve global problems with foreign students who have different sense of values, and learn importance of cooperation.
3. Have the clear visions of study, business and activities by learning research and development in the real society.
4. Extend relationship between Asian universities and promote students exchange, give a chance to study abroad to ambitious students.

## Implementation Guidance of ASCENT2013

### **Term(Plan)**

15<sup>th</sup> (Fri), Mar. 2013 –25<sup>th</sup> (Mon), Mar. 2013

### **Theme**

Robot Technology linking Human and Machine

### **Participants**

A total of 20 participants, 8 students from Tokyo Institute of Technology and 4 students each from the following overseas universities will be chosen.

- Japan: Tokyo Institute of Technology
- Thailand: Chulalongkorn University
- Indonesia: Institute of Technology Bandung
- Philippines: De La Salle University

### **Program Schedule (Plan)**

Date	Morning	After noon
15 <sup>th</sup> , Mar.		Arriving
16 <sup>th</sup> , Mar.	Opening Ceremony, Pre-study Presentation	Welcome Party, Discussion
17 <sup>th</sup> , Mar.	Special Lecture	Cultural Exchange
18 <sup>th</sup> , Mar.	Company and Museum Visiting	
19 <sup>th</sup> , Mar.	Company Visiting	
20 <sup>th</sup> , Mar.	Group Discussion	Interim Presentation
21 <sup>st</sup> , Mar.	Lab Visiting	Group Discussion Exchange Party
22 <sup>nd</sup> , Mar.	Group Discussion	Final Presentation, Closing Ceremony, Farewell Party
23 <sup>rd</sup> , Mar.	Sightseeing	
24 <sup>th</sup> , Mar	Leaving	

### **Expense per Person (Plan)**

Contents	Detail	Yen	Baht	Rupiah	Piso
Participation Fee	-Hotel -breakfast -Welcome and Exchange Party -Transportation fee	¥50,000	฿ 20,100	Rp6,040,000	P26,650

	for program				
Flight	Round Trip	¥50,000	฿ 20,100	Rp6,040,000	P26,650
Meal	-Dinner	¥7,500	฿ 3,015	Rp906,000	P3,998
	-Lunch				
Insurance	-Travel insurance	¥8,000	฿ 3,216	Rp966,400	P4,264
Sightseeing	-Transportation fee	¥10,000	฿ 4,020	Rp1,208,000	P5,330
	-Admission fee				
Amount		¥125,500	฿ 50,451	Rp15,160,400	P66,892

\*Flight, Meal, Insurance and Sightseeing fee are different by each person.

\*Plus those fees, participants should take VISA.

\*All figures are converted: 1 JPY = 0.402 THB, 120.8 IDR, 0.533PHP

### **Application Process**

1. Download the application form from SAGE website (in English)
2. Submit the application form to SAGE by e-mail
3. Have screening by each home university
4. Send results to SAGE from home university
5. SAGE sends results to all applicants

## How to Select the Participants

### **Selection Flow (Plan)**

Term/Date	Contents	Detail
From Sep. 2013	Announcement	Each university starts announcement and recruits participants of ASCENT2013. At the same time, SAGE also make announcement by website or human network to spread the information.
	Application	Each student sends application form to SAGE by e-mail.
2 <sup>nd</sup> , Dec.	Application Deadline	We close the application, and send all applicants data to each university.
	Selection	Each university selects the participants and contact to all applicants and do selection interview. Choose 4 persons and rank them according to the criteria of ASCENT 2012.
By 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	Results	Each university sends the results of the selection to SAGE.
17 <sup>th</sup> , Dec.	Notification to all applicants	SAGE sends a notification of the results to all applicants and cc it to each university.

\*Applicants should be ranked so that SAGE can deal with the students' cancellation.

### **Criteria for selection**

We request each overseas university to choose 4 students and grade them by score. Then SAGE will tell them a selection result.

Participants of ASCENT2013 shall be students:

- who speak English actively,
- who communicate with other Asian students positively,
- who are interested in Japan and Asia,
- who are eager to improve their way of thinking,
- who want to learn and improve their technology knowledge and
- who desire to contribute to the development of their country and Asia.

[Example questions for the selection]

- Why do you want to participate in this program?
- Please introduce your university in English.
- What are you interested in about Japan?
- What particular topic(s) on Service Robots technology do you want to study?
- What kind of person do you want to be?
- What do you think about the reason why we need the Service Robots?
- What do you want to know about other Asian countries?