

Company visit to Nippon Koei CO., LTD

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Report

Nippon Koei is the number one international engineering consulting company in Japan. It was already surprising that people from such a great company gave us, foreign freshmen, the time and opportunity to learn from them. Even though our excursion started in the late evening, all employees were still eager to guide us around and tell us about their work. I believe that the motto of a company speaks for itself. Here is Nippon Koei's: "Always be sincere to the situation you are dealing with and use your technical skills to contribute to the global society." This sounds so much like an uncle (kind developed country) who wants to help other kids (developing countries) grow.

An advice about what we should do in the university was to try to put our full effort on something, make connection, practice several skills including communication, team work and presentation skills. One additional advice was that we can learn how to work after entering the company, but we only live a college life once. We learned a lot from listening to their past experiences. The company work includes urban planning which is something I am interested in. I was impressed that the first thing they ask the clients and themselves is 'Is this project really necessary?'. This implies that the company also concerns about the local people and not just profit.

Finally, for me, the strongest impression from the company is to see that company's employees really enjoy their work. Many middle-aged people give up their hope during their occupation, but not in Nippon Koei. Many of them talked to us about their enthusiasm in life to help developing countries and make this world a better place to live in. This shouted to me not to release my grab on my own dream and inspired me to continue following my own ideal.

This company visit really sparked my interest in Japanese international company. I would like to thank Nippon Koei company, and the GSEP faculty for the precious experience.