

Company visit to Nippon Koei CO., LTD

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Report

On 29th November, I and members of the GSEP program had a great opportunity to visit one of the largest and oldest Japanese companies, Nippon Koei. Nippon Koei is Japans no. 1 international engineering consulting company. There are many services which provide strong engineering solutions for their clients through its well-equipped project managers and engineers. Their main works are planning, designing, and supervising construction of infrastructure projects in the fields of energy, transportation, water and sanitation, resources, and urban and public sector development. They have worked on over 3000 multi-disciplinary infrastructure projects in 135 countries all over the world.

Nippon Koei has many operation sections such as domestic consulting operations, international consulting operations, power engineering operations and urban and spatial development divisions. We all had a chance to visit and participate in the urban development division. In this division, they gave an emphasis on the assisting governments all over the world especially Southeast Asia, South Asia, and Africa, and in Japan to resolve their urban issues such as urban sprawl, environment deterioration, insufficiency of urban facilities and urban infrastructure.

We visited their office to feel and watch the real work environment of the company. Their offices are same as the usual Japanese-style office cubicles; there are partially enclosed workspaces which is separated from neighboring workspaces by partitions. However, each workspace is spacious enough that every office worker can manage to concentrate and proceed their work efficiently. Moreover, their arctual work space is not on their office desks because they usually need to go to the construction field and even to explore and to work on the real location. That is why many workers of this company have a lot of experience and perspective in their field both domestic and international.

We also listened their presentation about some examples of their accomplishments and work experiences. We have gained lots of information about their projects such as tourism development in Laos, water management in India, and special economic zone planning in Myanmar. One of the most impressive knowledge given from this presentation is how to work in the large-scale plan especially in another country far from your hometown. When we do something in the large-scale which easily affects large groups of people, work proceeding is very different from other types of work. We need to not only plan many things systematically, but also cooperate with many sections. Finally, I will gather everything which I have learnt from this opportunity and adopt them to have a more practical outlook in my desired field.