

# NEWSLETTER

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## New beginning for 9th batch!

Welcomed by cherry blossoms in full bloom, the ninth batch of the GSEP students gathered at the main building of Tokyo Tech for the Entrance Ceremony on April 3rd. The new class is more multinational than ever, with 13 students from 8 different countries. Congratulations and best wishes to all of you for your new life and studies in Japan!



New students with tutors and faculty in front of the main building

## Alumni Talk on career development in Japan

On May 21st, we invited one of our graduates, Ms. Uyanga Tumurbaatar, to **the GSEP Alumni Talk** to give GSEP students a practical insight into their future careers. Uyanga is one of the first batch of GSEP graduates from Mongolia and now works for Schneider Electric in Osaka after completing her Master's in Energy at Tokyo Tech in 2022.

During the talk, she and her colleagues gave an introduction to the company, career opportunities and an overview of the real working environment. Uyanga talked about her current role in Human Machine Interface (HMI)



Uyanga at the presentation

business unit as Schneider Graduate Program associate, and discussed the key skills needed to facilitate project management and lead sustainability initiatives. She also

shared some useful tips on how to find a job in Japan.

The event provided a valuable opportunity for the students to learn about future career paths, but above all we all enjoyed welcoming Uyanga back to GSEP and seeing her in action!

## GSEP kick-off lunch meeting

Taking a little break from the busy first quarter finals weeks, GSEP students from all years and faculty came together for our first lunch meeting of this academic year on June 10th. It was also a perfect opportunity for new students to get to know senior senpais and faculty members in a casual setting.



# Visionary Project:

## A word with full depth of your vision

Connection, Memory, Wheel, Evolve, Self-discipline... If you could think of a single word that best describes your aspirations, what would it be? The words above are among those chosen by this year's first year students for the final presentation class of the **Visionary Project**.

The Tokyo Tech Visionary Project is a compulsory liberal arts course for all incoming students, designed to develop their humanity, sociability and creativity through a series of special lectures and classroom debates. For the 2024 academic year, the course ran for two months from April 8th to June 6th, introducing new students a variety of topics ranging from diversity & inclusion, music, photography, artistic swimming to pollution-related diseases. During the classes, students are challenged to interpret the lectures and answer to the questions posed, by exchanging the opinions and ideas with other students.



Students in group discussion at the round table

The course culminates in a final presentation class, where each student is given the opportunity to reflect on the entire course and to present their individual goals for the next four years of university life by summarizing them in one word.

Misheel Tsetsen Munkhbayar from Mongolia picked up the word "Unique", explaining that uniqueness is the one and only thing that is different from everything else. "I think finding your uniqueness and finding a way to show it to the world is a visionary project's purpose in my understanding. I am still on the journey of finding it. Hopefully everyone will find their own and make their contribution to the surroundings."

Thin Yu Ya San from Myanmar chose the word "Reflection" as it can be a "powerful tool for personal growth". She suggested that reflection is a journey that we take deep inside ourselves, allowing us to have a pause and look back on our experiences. "We always rush forward and focus on the next goal, but it is through reflection that we can learn from mistakes and transform failure into success".



Narit won best presentation with his word "kintsugi"

Narit Chatupumdecha from Thailand went for "Kintsugi", a word that refers to the Japanese art technique of repairing the cracks in broken pottery with molten gold. He explained that *Kintsugi* is a concept that does not try to blend the cracks into the artwork, but rather to highlight those imperfections. "Because this course is shifting my imperfections into a better self, changing my perspectives, and leading me to maturity, it is like the gold which fixes my imperfections and embraces my history of imperfections. As human beings, we are perfectly imperfect. However, by fixing those imperfections, it will lead you to a better understanding of this world. It will create experiences in your life that you will never learn before if you do not learn those imperfections yourself."



Group photo after the final presentation class



# Georgia Institute of Technology Leadership Program Spring 2024

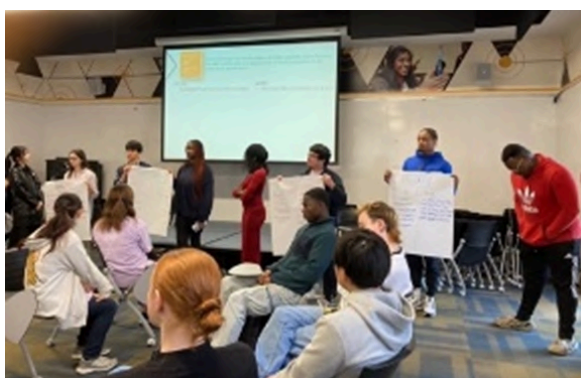
**Vinnie Chuawanta**  
GSEP 4th year student

A dynamic city where innovation meets rich history, cultural diversity thrives, and Southern hospitality welcomes all—yep, that's Atlanta! Hi, I'm Vinnie. I recently had the extraordinary opportunity to immerse myself in this amazing city. From March 5 to March 15, I participated in the Georgia Institute of Technology Leadership Program, an experience that has profoundly reshaped my perspective on leadership and personal development.



Georgia Tech

The Leadership Program at Georgia Tech was a whirlwind of activities and learning: CliftonStrengths workshop, Foundations of Leadership Class, Grand Challenge Course, Leadership Challenge Course, and The Leadership Practices Inventory (LPI) Class. Each session was designed to uncover our personal strengths and enhance our understanding of cultural dynamics, providing practical tools for future challenges. This focus on self-awareness and cultural understanding has not only broadened my perspective but also equipped me with invaluable skills to navigate diverse environments.



Foundation of Leadership Class



Leadership Challenge Course (My personal favorite!)

Our journey through Atlanta was not just about academic growth; it was also a deep dive into the rich history of civil rights. Visiting the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park was a profoundly moving experience. Seeing the statue of the protest marchers, illuminated by a light symbolizing hope and progress, left a lasting impression on me. The burial site of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King, inscribed with "We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream," serves as a powerful reminder of their enduring legacy.



Martin Luther King Jr.  
National Historic Park

My time at Georgia Tech and exploring Atlanta was both enlightening and inspiring. The city's rich history, coupled with its innovative spirit, offers valuable lessons in leadership, resilience, and the importance of cultural understanding. This experience has profoundly influenced my perspective and will undoubtedly shape my future endeavors. For those of you who wish to study abroad, I know it can be daunting to step out of your comfort zone, but trust me, the rewards far outweigh the challenges. Thank you, Georgia Tech and Atlanta, for an unforgettable journey!



Vinnie (center) with friends