

NEWSLETTER

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Welcoming the 10th Batch

Greeted by the cherry blossoms in full bloom, the GSEP 10th batch students celebrated a day of new beginnings at the Entrance Ceremony on April 2nd. Sixteen students from various countries have newly joined GSEP, bringing even more energy and diversity to our community.

Congratulations to all the new students and welcome to an exciting journey ahead!



New students in front of the Main Building, Ookayama Campus

Graduation Day of Spring 2025

March 26th marked a memorable milestone for the 6th batch of students, as they celebrated their achievement at the Graduation Ceremony. Surrounded by family, friends, juniors and faculty, the graduates walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, a testament to years of hard work and dedication.



Graduates with juniors and alumni

Dressed beautifully in a traditional Japanese *hakama*, **Vinnie Chuawanta** delivered a speech on behalf of the graduates: "As we leave this university and step into the world beyond these walls, we may face uncertainty once again. But remember this — we've already proven that we can rise above it. The same courage that brought us here will guide us forward."

We wish you a future full of success and endless possibilities. Congratulations, 6th Batch!



Vinnie delivers the graduation speech

A Fond Farewell to Sun-sensei



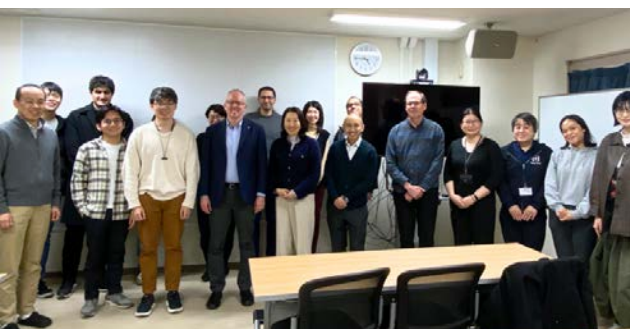
Sun-sensei (third from the right) with GSEP faculty and staff

Our respected faculty member, **Dr. Choi Sunkyung (Sun-sensei)** is leaving Science Tokyo to begin a new professional journey at Gunma University, Japan. On March 27th, GSEP faculty and staff came together to bid her farewell and congratulate her (pictured above). While we will miss her guidance and presence, we are truly thankful for her valuable contributions and dedication to our program. We wish you all the best and continued success in your new academic role, Sun-sensei!

GSEP Special Talk with Vice President Prof. Foss

On January 28th, GSEP hosted a special talk with **Prof. Patrick Foss**, Science Tokyo Vice President for International Strategy and Internationalization, to discuss the future direction of our institution in an increasingly globalized academic environment.

The session featured an interactive discussion where Prof. Foss and the audience explored the meaning and practical implications of internationalization. The event attracted a diverse audience, including GSEP students, international students, faculty, and staff from across the Institute.



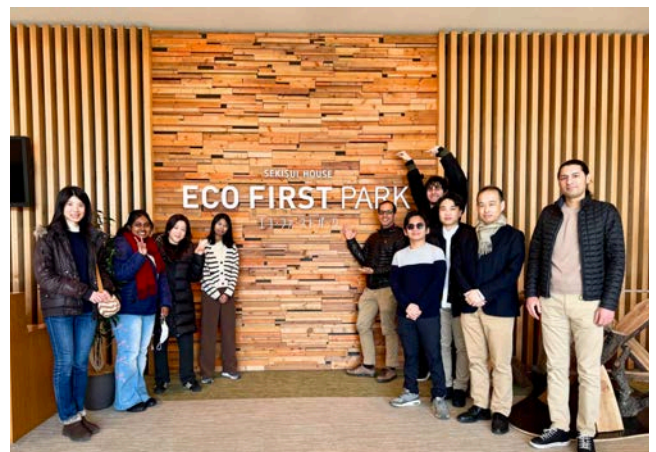
Prof. Foss (fourth from the left in the front row) with audience

GSEP Off-Campus Project AY2024

From February 26th to 27th, GSEP students and faculty traveled together to the North Kanto area as part of the GSEP Off-Campus Project, our annual academic end-of-year extracurricular activity. The project provided students with hands-on learning experiences through visits to cutting-edge facilities, including Sekisui House Eco-First Park, Sumitomo Osaka Cement, JAXA Tsukuba Space Center and National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience. In the evening, students participated in a reflection session, where they shared insights from the visits and connected the experiences to their academic learning.

Thin Yu Ya San, a second-year student from Myanmar, reflected on the project: "This journey sparked a lot of questions concerning how we should improve society to be sustainable. Every industry needs to be aware of its impacts on the environment in terms of carbon emissions and waste production. Therefore, finding methods for environmentally friendly production and recycling the by-products and waste become the new area to be researched and implemented in the society."

Nguyen Duc Nhat Minh, another second-year student from Vietnam, shared: "Besides four main trips, our reflection session answered some of my remaining questions when I got accepted into the Institute. We shared our ideas, helping me think about the journey from other perspectives I hadn't figured out. For me, the reflection question was at least as important as the main trips, if not more."



Group photo at Sekisui House Eco First Park

Alumni Whereabouts

The 1st Batch (2019 - 2020)

The 1st Batch recently got together for a fun and relaxed reunion at a restaurant in Futako Tamagawa. The gathering was to celebrate **Ghiffari Aby Malik Nasution (Aby) (2020)**, who is starting a new job at a leading semiconductor company in Hiroshima, Japan. The evening was filled with joy, laughter, and reconnection as everyone shared memories and updated each other on their career paths since graduation. We wish Aby all the best for his success in Hiroshima!



Aby (first from the left in front) with the 1st batch

Another exciting news comes from **Do Ngoc Khanh (Satoru) (2019)**, who was awarded the 2024 Seiichi Tejima Doctoral Dissertation Award for his work on "Impact of Global Climate Change and Urbanization on the Regional Climate of Megacities Worldwide". The award ceremony was held on March 17th, where he received the award and the prize from Science Tokyo President and CEO Ohtake.

Named in honor of Seiichi Tejima, who served as the principal of Tokyo Tech's predecessor schools for more than 25 years, this award recognizes exceptional achievements in research and publications by members of the Institute. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Satoru on this remarkable achievement and look forward to the positive impact he will continue to make in his future endeavors.

After graduating from GSEP, Satoru completed both his master's and doctoral degrees

at Tokyo Tech. He is now a Research Assistant Professor at Shibaura Institute of Technology in Tokyo, Japan.



At the Award Ceremony with President and CEO Ohtake

The 2nd Batch (2021)

On December 18th, 2024, we hosted our 3rd Alumni talk with **Jeremy Gavriel (2021)**, who currently works as a Field Product Manager at Dell Technologies. During the session, Jeremy shared valuable insights into his career journey at the ever-evolving tech industry.

Following the talk, everyone enjoyed a GSEP *bonen-kai* (year-end party), where participants had the opportunity to network and enjoy free meals. We are grateful to Jeremy for coming back to share his experiences and inspire us all!



Jeremy (center) with participants