

2018 International Summer Exchange Program – Final Report

This year marks the 11th year of the Yamagata University (YU) Faculty of Engineering International Summer Program. 15 students from four different countries and six different universities visited the Faculty of Engineering at Yonezawa Campus from August 22nd to August 31st, 2018, and 16 students from YU participated in the program.

This year, the following six partner universities from four countries participated in the Summer Program 2018:

India: Cochin University of Science and Technology

Thailand: Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi, King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang

Malaysia: Malaysia-Japan International Institute of Technology

Taiwan: National Taiwan University, National Central University

The students engaged in various activities surrounding the theme "Next Generation Robots for a Human-Robot Coexistent Future Society". The participants participated in lectures and visited laboratories at the Faculty of Engineering to experience hands-on research. On August 25th, the participants got the chance to experience Japanese culture by participating in a traditional tea ceremony while wearing yukatas.

The participants discussed the theme of "Next Generation Robotics" while staying at Mt. Zao, and then turned their discussions into poster presentations which they presented the next day in English. At the group poster presentations, all the participants worked hard to present their ideas. By the end of the program, all of the Japanese students were able to communicate their ideas in English without hesitation, showing the great success of this program.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the YU Faculty of Engineering Alumni Association, the Yonezawa Industrial Association and everybody else who supported the program.

