

A REPORT ABOUT INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUMMIT(ISS).

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I participated during International Student Summit 2018 as a **General chairperson**, the position which helped me to gain access to a lot of information, I have learned a lot of lessons both from fellow students and professors that participated in this year's ISS. Before going to this year's ISS I had several questions that were still bothering my mind, some of which were "**What is the most effective way to lead student groups?**" and "**how can I make everyone work on time** "?

Although I already had experience with ISS for two years but this time I was not a chairperson, the position which I can easily manage. Being a general chairperson means you are responsible for almost everything. After this this year's International Summit I have learned a lot of lessons and also I have come to the conclusion that there is no "**clear and easy**" solution for how to lead student organizations.

The following are a few lessons that I have learned during this year's event.

You need a good team around you, in regard to leadership, I recall one of few things I have learned through this year. One of the first is to surround yourself with people who are smarter than you. You don't always have to know everything if you have people around you that do. If your team consist of smart people who are talented in different areas your work as a leader is just to make use of those potentials.

Learn as much as you can, there are various books written about leadership that can help you to get knowledge about the position that you are looking for and also you can learn from former leaders (in my case I learned a lot from Mr. Jose from Peru, who was the last year's general chairperson). Anyone can be aa leader but I believe there are certain personality traits, skillsets and motivations that need to be present for effective leadership to take place. However, I believe leadership is a means to generating impact and I believe there are numerous individuals out there who do this on a daily basis who we would never consider as being leaders in the traditional sense of the word.

The next one is **to listen and give credit to others**. During this year I figured out whenever something went wrong I was the one who were supposed to take responsibility. And on the other hand I was also supposed to give credit to the whole team of leaders whenever something went well. This kind of attitude helped me to make the team willing to listen and follow my directions.

Being flexible and adaptive, problems and challenging situations are happening at any time and sometimes they are requiring immediate decisions. For this reasons as a student

leader I have learned that adaptability and flexibility is one of the key factors that we need for successful events.

You need to be patient and tolerant, there were many personalities clash, but most of the participants learned to work with others. I have tried to foster cooperation with individual who have had problems, let them complain to me, and then encouraging them to continue their work. As a leader I was supposed to listen and understand everyone's point of view before making decisions.

Advantages that I have gained during my participation in ISS, I have personally been very fortunate to have had formal opportunities to develop my leadership skills and be provided with opportunities to exhibit it as well. This has given me tremendous exposure to new opportunities and only accelerated my growth as a leader. However, after taking to different participants especially from Asia and Africa I realized that such opportunities are unheard of in their communities. So it is not that their countries lack youth with great leadership potentials but lack of opportunity is what inhibit exercising those potentials. Many of the students I had a chance to talk with were budding leaders with ambitious goals for solving critical problems in their communities. Several of them had already pursued various community service projects and some even had international experiences which they sought out on their own.

My advice to the next year's leaders, the new leaders should make sure that all participant of international student summit are well informed of what is expected from them, especially presenters who need to make sure that their projects are connected to the main theme of the event. And on the other side of the coin formation of a team of leader should be given priority in order to make sure that the team that is going to be formed consist of competent people.

In my conclusion I would like to point out that, we are quick to identify those who hold presidencies and executive board members in student organizations as leaders, and surely, being on an executive board for an organization is an excellent way of honing leadership skills, but leadership goes so much beyond that. Leadership isn't just organizing events, making decisions and delegating tasks. Leadership also means service to others and sharing experiences – with context to ISS 2018, leadership means ensuring the participation and cooperation among students with different backgrounds and cultures towards attaining a common goal that is sustainable development. the presentations given during the event are very useful because they help students and other participants to connect the resources they needed to cope with issues they had been facing. My experience being a chairperson for past two years and as a general chairperson this year showed me that leadership can come in so many forms. To anyone looking for leadership

opportunities through organizations, recognize that being a leader can even mean simply doing service in any fashion and being a mentor for the benefit of others (including your friends and family) and the community around you.

The 18th International Student Summit (ISS) Report
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I am one of the General Chairpersons of this Summit. This year's summit is my first time involving in ISS thus there are many challenges and experiences I have had during the whole event.

As far as interacting in group, the language we formally use during the summit week is English. However, Japanese is still widely used and seem to be needed in term of communicating with the Japanese people involving in the ISS. For example, dealing with the reservation of the classrooms for group discussing and rehearsal we need to communicate in Japanese in other to explain the situation in some cases. Another example would be, misunderstanding between two languages when we start to only communicate in English and there will be some missed catching phrases which cause a little trouble in finishing the task.

Beside Language barriers between English and Japanese, dealing with people from different background, different nation, different culture and different religion can be a little bit of a challenge. We have people from different places all over the world including those who come from native English speaking countries and those who are not from native English speaking countries, hence as a general chairpersons managing and controlling people from different places might take us a little bit of endurance and tolerance. Regarding the culture and religious differences, we really need to understand their role in religious for instance a pray at the mosques every Friday and a prohibited food in a specific religious and culture.

Another tackled we usually have had is technical problems. Since, almost everything involved technology we hardly escape this problem in the first place. The problems including, an error of slide projector in several classrooms during the discussion group which prolonged the group discussion. Likewise, some presenters have failed to connect to the internet which make things harder when the chairpersons need to contact or reach out to their presenters through online communicating platforms or in some cases the internet connection has gone so slow to the point we aren't able to send the file documents on time.

The last but not least challenge we have had is the corporation among the members. Corporation is a must and essential when working as a team because one individual need to obey one another in other to make the discussion run smooth and go well on time. For some reason, there is always a group who will be less careful to the instruction and didn't fully corporate well among the members which lead to a little of trouble such as late discussion conclusion.

Genuinely, I have learned quite a lot of experiences from all the tackled and challenged I have mentioned earlier. I have come to realized that unities, good communication, clear and proper agenda, quick and good decision making are the key to run the summit smoothly and successfully.

Though, other than management skills I also learned a lot from the contents of the whole summit which is Food, Agriculture and Environmental related issues. In relation to the theme “ Increase Youth involvement in Sustainable Agriculture and to close the Gap between Actors in Food System ” it has helped me a lot in my academic study especially a deeper understanding and a new comprehension on how to solve the problems faced in many different environments around the world.

Moreover, meeting new people from different regions is a new and quite a good experience since we can share different ideas, cultures and traditions that might sound knowledgeable and interesting at the same time. Likewise, I also made a lot of friends and share many good talks with many Japanese students than I do before joining the summit which make me feel so thankful for joining this event.

In particular, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the people involved in the organization of this Summit. Including the officers of Tokyo University of Agriculture, students, Professors, chairpersons, student coordinators, staff members, and the attending audience- my deepest gratitude to all of you for making this summit possible. It has been my great pleasure to join this International Students Summit on Global Food, Agriculture and Environmental issues. Lastly, I'm really looking forward to the next year's summit which again will take place in our university, to continuing beyond this event, the very stimulating and instructive exchange of ideas. I trust that the next year summit will make everyone take home further inspiration, knowledge, experiences and awareness on how to foster the necessary changes.



第 18 回世界学生サミット (ISS) 報告書

国際食料情報学部・国際バイオビジネス学科・2年

This year was my first ISS in the position of chairperson. Organize my session's presenters, hear different opinions from different perspectives and different ways of thinking of many people from other countries around the world, that was some things that I experienced during the ISS week.

At first, it was complicated to me because my English level wasn't good at all. In the ISS week, I felt that I wasn't prepared at all, it wasn't enough for me to just go to the meetings held every Tuesday, although my lack of knowledge was the reason that I was insecure at the time to advise or guide to my session presenters. I was worried about but, when we did the session conclusion or the general conclusion, I could do the things well. At the session conclusion, it was a little complicated to find the similarities and the differences between each presenter presentation, that took to us a lot of time and it was very stressful. But discussing between us and analyzing it better, we could make our session conclusion at time.

I think we lack of communication more than organization, at the ISS, on the scenario, the chairpersons went to their seats after the lights turned on. Also, I wanted to get the exact times to do some things to manage the time correctly with my session presenters. But somehow we could make everything go well.

I have realized that in the general conclusion day, when it was the time to decide the next year's ISS theme, only few presenter have participated on that discussion, because we didn't had enough time to hear or at least ask everyone's opinions.

By joining and finishing the 2 days of the summit, everything went well and it made me rethink about how important is the agriculture and environment in our life's. Hearing about sustainable agriculture and taking care of the environment for the next generation to come.

I think on next year's ISS we should organize better the schedules of the chairpersons and got more time to discuss with the presenters to get better results.

At last I feel very grateful to have been able to participate at this year's ISS, it was such a great experience to join on a discussion with people of other countries and share information and knowledge. If it's possible to me I want to participate again on the next year's ISS as a chairperson.

第18回世界学生サミット (ISS) 報告書

国際食料情報学部・バイオビジネス学科・3年

The 18th International student summit was conducted by 2 days from 27th September to 28th September. It was my second time, joining summit. But as a first time being position as Chairperson. In ISS, as ISF member we had meeting every Tuesday evening to discuss about the process and main purpose of the event. During the meeting, we discuss about the chairperson role as many things such as leadership, how to work and control the group smoothly. On 24th September, we had ISS field trip to recycle company and sweet potatoes farm, everyone seem enjoy the trip because we got to learn about the efficient way of environment friendly agriculture system in Japan and also be able to know each other in their group session. In 25th and 26th, which are the general discussion day. There are a lot of things to do in short amount of time that causing stress and some irritation. I had learn that working in the group need be patient and open minded about other people opinions to discuss and combine everyone`s idea in to an fine work. Working in the group necessary is not an easy thing, as I join ISS, I got a lot of training and experience the formal way of organizing big event such as International Summit like this. On the actual day of submit, everything goes smoothly as expected. By joining the summit both 2 days, I found out that agriculture is a very

important and also a very complicated subject, and there are a lot of different factors involving agriculture and environment. Everyone get to learn new things about problem and solution of food system in order to practice sustainable agriculture. What I also learn is, there are one common thing, and are all of us have the same goal as to create sustainable agriculture by gathering the involvement of younger generation to have interest in agriculture field. The world population are increasing, we have to create enough food suppliers for human. Yet we can't all relive on chemical production to boost productivities which have bad side effect to human and environment. So there`re must have solution to achieve both factors of Production and Protection. Youth involvement take very important part in the real life practice.

Last but not least, it was such an honor to join the Student International Summit. It was such a good experience to be on the team and be able to learn from people around us.

For the future I would also want to take part in the summit again, to be able to learn from different perspective of people around the world and share the ideas and knowledge I received to people in my Country.

第 18 回 世界学生サミット (ISS) 報告書

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1. ISS で取り組んだこと

今回 Chair Person として、ISS に参加した。サミット前の事前学習では、サミット本来の意義、Chair Person として心がけること、既存の食・農・環境問題についてディスカッションを行った。サミットウィークでは、プレゼンターと交流を深めつつ、スチューデントコーディネーターと連携を取りつつサミットの運営に取り組んだ。サミットウィーク、ISS では、プレゼンター同士の議論をまとめつつも、彼らが発表を行うための環境を整えることに努めた。また同じセッションの Chair Person とは、当日の司会、ディスカッションの準備、プレゼンターの滞在環境の管理の面で情報を共有し、役割分担を行った。一週間を通して、サミットの運営とプレゼンターのサポートをすることができた。

2. ISS を経験して得たこと

今回の ISS で自分が得たことはとても多かった。2年前はコーディネーターとして参加したが、今回はチェアパーソンとして、プレゼンターとより近く、サミット運営に貢献できたと感じている。今回のサミットで経験できたことは大きく2つある。一つ目は、違いを超えたグループ活動である。自分が担当したセッションは、スリランカ・オーストラリア・中国・ベトナム・インドネシア・スコットランド・日本の人間がチームを組んで活動していた。それぞれ国籍はもちろんのこと、文化、個性も違う、会って一週間もたない人間どうしのチームである。この国際的な活動および外国語を使ってのグループ活動の経験は、自分にとってとても新鮮かつ貴重な体験であった。そういった状況で、お互いを受け入れ理解しあい、受け入れ自分がチームにどう貢献できるかを考えて行動するか考える時間が持てた。こういった姿勢は、円滑なコミュニケーションの環境を作るだけでなく、とても気持ちの良い、良好な人間関係の構築ができることが分かった。2つ目は、他人とのコミュニケーションの工夫する経験である。今回自分の課題の1つが英会話であった。日常的に研究室の留学生と会話はしているものの、日本に来て間もない外国人とディスカッションをすることは困難なものであった。しかし、実際にサミットを迎えてみると、気づくことがあった。それは英会話をする以前に、丁寧で親切な態度でコミュニケーションをすることのほうが重要であるということである。これは英会話が必要でないと言っているのではなく、その前提として、誠意、親切心などのコミュニケーションに関する態度が土台になっていることが経験できた。

最初に述べたが、得たものはここで紹介できないほどたくさんある。何より、この活動を通じて友人が増えたことが自分にとって何にも代えがたく、うれしいことだった。

3. 今後の取り組み（ISSを踏まえて）

自分は現在農業土木にかかわる建設コンサルト会社から内定をいただき、来春から務める予定である。将来的には発展途上国における農業基盤開発に携われる開発コンサルトを目指しており、その第一歩として進路選択をした。今回のサミットでの活動は将来の目標達成にとって有意義な活動であり、社会人としてこれから社会に出ていく身として貴重な経験をさせてもらった。これからも人とのコミュニケーション能力を磨き、将来の活動に生かしていきたい。

第 18 回 世界学生サミット (ISS) 報告書

応用生物科学部・醸造科学科・3年

先日出席した世界学生サミットに関して、下記の通り、ご報告致します。

1. ISS で取り組んだこと

私の担当のセッションは1-2のAgricultureでした。チェアパーソン(以下、チェアと呼びます)は私を含めると計3名でしたので、2名のセッションと比較して人数が多い分、それぞれの役割を大まかに振り分ける役割分担を致しました。その中で私は、スチューデントコーディネーター(以下、SCと呼びます)とチェア、そしてプレゼンターの仕事の間を取り持つ役回りを積極的に行い、コミュニケーションや動きを円滑に行えるよう務めました。

時間の管理はその中でも重要な役割だったと感じています。当初はセッションコンクルージョンの討論をしている際に、答えが出るまで話し合いをする形をとっていましたが、時間配分をしない方法での進行だと話が膨らんでしまい、なかなか結論まで至りませんでした。そのことを踏まえて、休憩をはさんだ次の討論からは時間ごとに区切り、何をどこまで行うのか、決めるのかを定め、それに則ってプレゼンターの皆さんに動いて頂く形式に変更致しました。私はその配分と管理を担当し、以降、スムーズに結論を出すことが出来たように感じます。

セッションコンクルージョンの結論が出た後は、プレゼンターの方々は個人のパワーポイントを編集し、チェアの1名はその補助、もう1名はジェネラルコンクルージョンへ行かれたので、私はセッションコンクルージョンのパワーポイントのデザインを担当しました。過去にISSに参加したことのある方からのご教授を受けながらの編集でしたが、背景やレイアウトによって見る方の関心をどう動かすのかを学べる大切な機会であったと感じています。



2. ISS を経験して得たこと

Session 1-2 はお互いの理解を深める為、可能な限り食事を一緒に摂ろうと試みましたが、実際、それはあまり簡単な問題ではなく、session 1-2にはイスラム教の留学生が2人いたので、その二人と別々に食事をとることが多かったです。

セッションの討論が終わり、留学生に夕ご飯に何を食べたいかを尋ねたところ、満場一致でお寿司が食べたいということになりました。回転ずしのレストランに行くという選択肢もありましたが、最近は寿司ネタに豚肉を使用しているものが多く、お皿等に接触している可能性が高いので、SCが手巻き寿司パーティーの準備をしてくれることになりました。

当日は初めてセッションの全員が参加した晩御飯でしたが、プレゼンターの留学生全員に非常に喜んでいただき、自国の文化を理解し、受け入れてくれる喜びを感じました。



3. 今後の取り組み

世界中の国々から多くの学生が集まり、お互いに異なる習慣や価値観、宗教等の文化を理解しようとする、必然的に異文化に対する対応力が求められます。それは勿論、共通言語である英語が流暢であればあるほどコミュニケーションが円滑に進むことは確かですが、ISSに参加するまでは、言語がそのキャパシティを左右するのだと考えていました。

今回のISSはプレゼンテーションを発表する場であるので、内容について議論をしてい



る間は正確な言語が必要でした。しかし、それ以外の場での留学生との交流を通して多文化を受け入れ理解する力、また自身の文化を理解して発信する力、会話を掘り下げる力や物事を客観的に見る力など、言語を超えた部分が言語以上に信頼関係を築く上で、また日本人としてのアイデンティティを築くうえで重要であるということに気づかされ、今後その力を養いたいと思っています。