

Dear Presenters at Japan TRIZ Symposium 2010

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Our TRIZ Symposium in Japan is now close and going to start in a week. We summarize here the up-to-date information of the Symposium, for welcoming you soon at the venue!

(1) Final Manuscripts and the Proceedings: Having received the final manuscripts of presentations from you, we have set them up into the Proceedings. All your English slides (except some of Poster presentations) are translated into Japanese by the collaboration of management members and voluntary members of Japan TRIZ Society. The Japanese slides will be presented during your presentations in parallel to your English slides. (Similarly, we spent much effort for translating the presentation slides of Japanese authors into English for your understanding.) We sent the Japanese and English Editions of the Proceedings and of the Abstracts to the printing company on Aug. 30, and are now preparing for the digital version of the full set of the Proceedings to be handed to all the participants in USB memories.

(2) Updating the Agenda: In late August, we received an email from Richard Platt (USA) about the withdrawal of his Oral presentation and another from Hyo June Kim (Korea) of the withdrawal of his Poster Presentation. We have adapted our Agenda for these changes, and especially decided to shorten the 3rd-day Poster Session from 100 minutes to 70 minutes and to finish the Symposium earlier at 16:10. The updated Agenda has been announced in the Web, and attached here in the form of one-page sheet.

(3) Registered Participants: (As was yesterday,) 169 people have registered for participation, including 117 from Japan and 52 from overseas. Under the current severe economic situations in Japan, it is our great pleasure to have over-100 participants from Japan. We are going to have a much larger number of overseas participants than that of last year (i.e., 19). This year we are going to receive many Korean people. They contributed 8 presentations. Moreover, KMAC (Korean Management Association Consulting) has organized a big delegation of about 30 people, including 15 from Samsung Electronics and 12 from POSCO. We are very much surprised with receiving so many registrations on Aug. 25. They are eager to learn and discuss in our coming Symposium. I would like to inform you of this situation beforehand.

(4) Presentation Slides to Be Brought in on the Day: Please bring your presentation slides in a USB memory. The slides you have already submitted to us will be set in the JTS's PC in your presentation room. Therefore, you may use them if you do not have any update.

Presenters in the Poster Sessions are advised to read the Guide sent to you by Yojiro Fukushima on Aug. 26. Please bring in your slides printed in A4 (or B4), and work on the first day morning to glue them on two big sheets of paper and to post the sheets at the specified place in the Hall for the Poster Session. During the Poster Introduction Session, you are requested to introduce your work in 3 minutes. Then we will move to the 3rd floor for the actual presentation. The length of the Poster Session is 100 minutes on the 2nd day (for 6 posters) while 70 minutes on the 3rd day (for 5 posters).

(5) Group Discussions: We set the Group Discussions as the occasion of informal and frank

communications for 2 hours after the dinner of the 2nd day. We are now preparing for the groups of 6 topics as shown in a separate page. You are invited to join some of these groups.

We need to remark a point here: In the Abstracts (or the short form Proceedings) which will be delivered to all the participants, we wrote an idea of Group (G) on "TRIZ: situations in Japan and situations in Korea" using Japanese and Korean languages with the support of an interpreter, but we abandoned the idea. Main reason for quitting it is that the Korean Language is not included in our Symposium's official languages, i.e., Japanese and English. And the second, more practical reason is that this topic will attract "too many participants" to operate other groups smoothly. Thus we decided to operate the Groups (A) - (E) in an international way, by using English as much as possible, and together with Korean participants. While discussing in each specific area, the comparison between Japan and Korea will also be there as a background interest. Discussions on several different aspects may reveal the comparison between Japan and Korea in a natural manner.

(6) Information Updated on the Web Sites: On our Official Web site of Japan TRIZ Society, new information is uploaded recently especially on the venue and bus services. Please take a look of it at <http://www.triz-japan.org/e-index.html>. The Web site "TRIZ Home Page in Japan" is to be updated as well: <http://www.osaka-gu.ac.jp/php/nakagawa/TRIZ/eTRIZ/>. Yesterday, Yuji Mihara, General Organizer of our Symposium sent a message and instructions to all the registrants of the Symposium, including you. Please follow the guidance.

(7) Requests and Notes to All the Participants: Please observe the following rules of our Symposium. (See our Call for Papers.)

(a) Copying or distributing of the USB-memory Proceedings is forbidden. You can buy additional copies from JTS, either during the Symposium or later.

(b) Taking photos/videos of the projected slides is forbidden (except by the specified Organizing staff). Audio recording of the talks is also forbidden. Snapshots without relevance to the presentation contents are allowed.

(c) Our official languages of the Symposium are Japanese and English. Please refrain from talking in other languages, e.g. Korean, in official occasions. Interpretation into other languages in the meeting place is forbidden because it is annoying other participants.

(8) Voting of "Best Presentation for Me": Since two years ago, we have requested our Japanese participants to vote for "Best Presentation for Me" among all the contributed presentations (both Oral and Poster presentations). This year we are going to extend this voting scheme to cover both Japanese and Overseas participants as the voters. Awards will be presented after the Symposium to several best-voted presenters.

(9) Sponsored by Kanagawa Institute of Technology: On holding this Symposium, Kanagawa Institute of Technology has been supporting us by providing the rooms and facilities without charges and by taking care of us in various aspects. Japan TRIZ Society is very grateful for KIT for their support. We now show this fact more clearly in our Symposium documents as "Sponsored by Kanagawa Institute of Technology", with thanks.

We all are looking forward to meeting you soon in Japan and to discussing with you at the Symposium!

Very best wishes,

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