

Announcement on Application for Special Summer Seminar for International Students:
“Railway Systems and Urban Development of Mega Cities 2017”

The University of Tokyo (Department of Civil Engineering), National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), JR East, Tokyo Metro, Tokyu Corporation, Mitsui Fudosan, and Japan Railway Technical Service are planning to jointly hold a summer seminar for international students entitled “Railway Systems and Urban Development of Mega Cities 2017.” This seminar aims to help students understand how Tokyo, as one of the world’s mega cities, has been developed in coordination with the urban railway network, as well as the technologies and systems that support the railway network. Through a series of lectures given by top specialists and practitioners, and technical tours illustrating the terminal stations and urban development sites, participants will deepen their understanding of the urban railway system and the historical development of Tokyo.

Students are invited to take advantage of this opportunity by applying for the seminar.

Chairman of Japanese Urban Rail Seminar Committee
Hitoshi IEDA, Professor
National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies

1. Schedule

Thursday, September 7th to Friday, September 8th (two days and one night)

Detailed information is available at:

<http://www.trip.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/urbanrailseminar/TentativeSchedule2017.pdf>

2. Attendance cost

- JPY 3,000 must be paid for materials.

- Reception party cost and accommodation cost for the night of September 7th (only if staying at the hotel provided by the organizers) will be covered by the organizers.

- Other costs such as meals and transportation costs must be paid at the applicant’s own expense.

3. Number of attendees

30 international students studying in the graduate schools of Japanese universities and 10 Japanese undergraduate/graduate students.

4. Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for this seminar if you are currently studying in the interdisciplinary field of transportation such as transportation planning/policy, urban/regional/national planning, and economics and policy studies; or in any specific engineering field related to transportation such as

mechanical engineering and electronic engineering. Additionally applicants should follow ALL of the following conditions:

- You are a student enrolled on a master's/doctoral course in a Japanese graduate school.
- You are supervised by instructors of Japanese graduate schools.
- You must accept the conditions outlined in "8. Conditions."

5. How to apply

- Application deadline: Friday, June 30th, 2017, 23:59 JST
- Applicants for this seminar are required to complete an application form and submit it to the organizers at the e-mail address shown in "10. Contact." The application form is available at:
<http://www.trip.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/urbanrailseminar/ApplicationFormSSSIS2017.docx>

6. Screening of participants

- When the number of applicants exceeds the given capacity, participants will be selected through a screening process.
- The screening process is handled by a review committee, whose members are represented by the host organizations.
- The screening process highlights the applicant's background knowledge about urban railway and regional development~~high-speed rail~~, his/her motivation and intended future career, and evidences, which are shown in the application forms.

7. Announcement of selection results

All the applicants should be notified about the selection results by e-mail no later than Tuesday, July 18th, 2017.

8. Conditions for participation

- The accommodation for the night of September 7th will be provided by the organizers. However, if you reside in or around Tokyo, you may be asked to refrain from staying at the hotel.
- Business casual wear is acceptable, but please dress respectfully.
- Personal safety insurance during the seminar must be purchased at applicant's own expense.
- If you would cancel the seminar participation for personal reasons after you are selected, you should report it to the organizers by August 7th. Cancellation after this date is not acceptable.
- All participants must follow the organizer's instructions.

9. Official language during the Seminar

English

10. Contact

Japanese Urban Rail Seminar Committee

Chairman Hitoshi IEDA, Professor, GRIPS

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