

# The 2014 Asia-Pacific International Symposium on Aerospace Technology (Shanghai) from September 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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I have attended an International conference on aerospace technology in Shanghai, China. It was my first international conference in my career. I was overwhelmed and nervous attending this conference. I would like to share my experience in this report.

I departed Fukuoka, Japan on 22<sup>nd</sup> evening and had a rough travel as my flight was delayed due to weather conditions. I reached Shanghai around midnight and reached my hotel. The conference started with opening ceremony which was attended by the delegates from all over the world. After the ceremony, there was guest lectures by delegates from China and Australia. They gave a wonderful presentation about the future of the aerospace technology in the Asia Pacific region. The parallel sessions started from the noon after the lunch. It was my first experience having Chinese cuisine. I was initially reluctant to eat but I tasted and they were very delicious. During lunch, I came across a student from Beijing Institute of Technology. He became a very good friend. We attended the technical session together and started sharing our views with other presenters. I became friends with students and professors

from China, United States, Korea, Bangladesh and also Japan.

My presentation was on the second day i.e. on 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon session. I was really nervous as it was my first international conference but my new friends gave me confidence and encouraged me. I presented about the "Recent Developments of Experimental Winged Rocket". I had good questionnaire sessions regarding our project and every one appreciated for our work.

After the presentation, I attended the banquet. It was a wonderful session. I enjoyed the traditional dances of China such as Face painting of Sichuan Opera and Peking Opera. I also enjoyed the Chinese cuisine with some famous spirits. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day i.e. on 26<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Post tour sessions with the other delegates. We visited COMAC Shanghai, which is aircraft manufacturing center. I got a chance to enjoy the real cockpit experience which was my dream. Also the production and assembly phases of the factory were visited which gave a lot of insight into the production of the aircrafts. After the COMAC visit, we visited Shanghai museum. The museum houses the greatest cul-





tural artifacts. I also found some interesting facts about Buddhism. Lastly, I attended a night cruise on Huangpu river which is one of the famous Shanghai's attraction. As it was the last day we exchanged our contact details so as to continue our relations further. I departed shanghai and reached Kitakyushu on 27<sup>th</sup>. This trip gave me lot of experience and also gained me lot of friends around the world.

I would like to explain some situations which might be very helpful for the readers. On the first day when I reached shanghai. I could not find any public transportation. So I took taxi and the driver was not familiar with English and I am not familiar with Chinese. It was very really difficult to convey my hotel address but somehow I succeeded. So my advice is when we go to some foreign country where the language is not English, it is necessary to learn at least some basic words as it might be helpful in these conditions. I would like to share one experience about a friend Ted Nye, Professor, California State University, Long Beach. I met him in the conference and travelled with him in the post tour. He invited me to visit his university if I visited United States as they were also working on a similar rocket project like us. To my coincidence, I visited United States in December, 2014 with my laboratory members and my professor to meet our winged rocket project partners in University of Texas, El Paso. While returning back, we visited Dr Ted's University. All of were really excited to see their development of rockets. Hopefully they might collaborate with our winged rocket project in future. So communication is really required for every-



one not only for education but also to excel in professional career. I strongly advise students to attend at least one international conference in the student life for good exposure.

I would conclude by thanking Meisenkai Foundation of Kyushu Institute of Technology for their unconditional support for attending this international conference.

Best regards,

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