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**NTU Student Branch Participated in Region 10 Student/GOLD/WIE Congress 2011
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The topic of the four-day congress is “Emerging Technologies”, which the organizer chose in hope to bring changes to the world through new technologies or innovative projects.

It's the first time that members from three different societies, IEEE Student, Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD), and Women in Engineering (WIE) were all invited to one conference and discussed in groups. In the group discussion, all the delegates from different societies and branches in R10 were divided into groups and discussed about each section's/branch's operation and development. Our team members included students from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau and we reached several conclusions, including the possibility of holding Greater China regional congress. We believed it will greatly benefit cross-strait enterprises and students

It not only allowed participants to convey different needs and executions of each society, but also let all the participants have a more comprehensive understanding on IEEE. As a delegate from Taiwan, I would like to share my reflections and suggestions from the observation of the conference.

I. Important Agenda

The highlight of the congress, in my opinion, was that some of the sponsorship and agenda were organized by the GOLD society, most of which are IEEE members with abundant industry knowledge and conference experiences. As a result, the agenda of the congress was very comprehensive, covering subjects from student affairs to careers planning. I think this is why the conference was so successful.

As it's the first time that GOLD and WIE were invited to join the congress, the agenda had included the introduction to the operation and histories of the two societies. This way, the delegates from different countries are able to form the two societies in each country based on the information shared in the conference. Though there's no GOLD in Taiwan yet, we are planning to initiate one in the future.

I would also like to point out two things that impressed me the most:

A. Cross-strait discussion: In the discussion which is shown in Fig 1, we found that most of the student branches in China are supported and sponsored by colleges, which is similar to Taiwan. We also talked about the possibilities of cross-strait visiting and exchanging, such as organizing IEEE congress for IEEE student members or delegates in Greater China. Though details needed to be further discussed, we are planning to create the communication platform for cross-strait students for long-term exchanging and collaboration.



Introduction to the activities and organization of NTU student branch



Delegates from cross-straits four regions

B. IEEE meeting: Hosted by Dr. Peter W. Staecker, 2012 candidate for IEEE President, and Prof. Howard E. Michel., IEEE vice president, the meeting focused on how IEEE can change the world through continuous promotion and operation of the organization, and the participants were divided into groups for three-session discussion. We proposed hosting congress on different topics to unite members in different countries, attract more new members and increase members' understanding and support for IEEE. For Taiwan, participating the elections and contests of IEEE is also a way to promote the visibility of Taiwan.

I. Conclusion and suggestion

Overall, the conference was smooth and we felt that the organizer had put a lot of efforts in it. We believe the visibility of this conference is higher than the previous one hosted in Singapore in 2009, and it also raised the bar for the future events.



Delegates from Greater China in congress dinner



Delegates from Taiwan with IEEE R10 Director, Dr. Lawrence W.C. Wong

We were impressed by the student association's execution demonstrated in the international congress, which also served as a role model for our future improvements. For most of the student's association in Taiwan, we are inexperienced in coordinating international congress, so it's for sure that we need to spend more time on planning and resource allocation in order to make a successful congress. We'll pass down the lesson we've learned in the congress to the student associations in Taiwan, hoping that we will be able to coordinate an international congress with Chinese flavor. With Taiwan's advantages in electronics and electric and our students' creativity, we're confident that we can deliver a successful congress which will elevate the visibility of Taiwan. This is the goal that we will all work together.

Finally, I think our Taipei section could try to organize this kind of international congress. We could start from hosting cross-strait congress, making Taiwan a pioneer among the cross-straits four regions while also boosting the growth of local student association.