

Urban Design Lab.

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Four foreign students joined our lab.



The urban design lab received four new members: Liu and Maryam became researchers, Nam entered the Doctor's course, and Jay moved into the Master's program. Below are their self introductions to our lab:

| 1. Your name | Nam JeeHyun | LIU Benteng | Maryam Farhady | Jay Farris |
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| 2. Your previous university | Seoul National University (Bachelor, Master, Doctor completion of class) | Southeast University, China | Hokkaido University Architectural Course | Trinity University |
| 3. Your interests or hobbies | Drinking, Eating, Singing, Dancing | Music & Football | I want to study buildings. | I like to cook, climb mountains, and play sports. |
| 4. Your reasons for coming to this lab. | I wanted to find an intermediate field between Architecture and Urban Planning. I thought this lab would be the optimal choice to shape my interests into practical research. | To have an opportunity to communicate and learn with others. | I would like to consider space on a large scale. | I'd like to deepen my knowledge of the things I have studied in the past. |
| 5. Your goals for the research you're doing/planning. | I am on the process of doing research aiming at multi-dimensional urban design connected to Transit Oriented Development as the view point of a pedestrian network. | To find a direction for my coming research and to learn new methods of research. | To deepen my understanding of what I have researched up to now. | I'd like to do some research that not only interests me, but also others and, in turn, is useful to many people. |
| 6. Your plans or hopes for the future. | I want to be "the humble scholar" to be able to affect on the young researcher about their creative thinking and attitude of academic fields in the future. | To be a good planner or Architect for common people. | To become a university professor dealing with urban architectural design. | I'm trying not to think about my future too hard. |



Urban Spaces and Sustainable Development

Jack Farris M1

Twenty-six members of a group especially made to work on the area of Tokyo known as Nezu and Yanaka, worked for ten days touring the area and coming up with a variety of plans for the historical area.

Members of Today's architecture and urban design departments joined students from the University of Melbourne in Australia, who came to participate in this particular project. During the project, students divided into groups, tried to get a feel for the neighborhood and created proposals. After listening to many scholars talk about the history and significance of Nezu and Yanaka, the participants spent many days creating proposals which were presented on several occasions to professors and other scholars on the variety of fields under consideration.



Today professors, Darko Radovic and Hitoshi Nakamura oversaw the event, but many others were present for the final presentations on the 17th of November. After spending only ten days on the project the five groups presented very different ideas for sustainable redevelopment and historical preservation. The overall reaction to the presentations was that it was, indeed, a good start, but that much more time and work needs to be put into it; the Tokyo students are continuing that work throughout this semester.



Takayama the Eccyu Highway project has begun

Akira Daido M1

Takayama the Eccyu Highway project started in the middle of October. The members are Professor Nishimura, Mr. Nohara, Mr. Okamura, and Daido. We visited Takayama November 4 to 6.

Speaking of Takayama, it is famous for the Takayama festival, leading gorgeous dashi and the row of old houses and streets in Sanmachi (important preservation district).

The site of this project is named Ojinmachi 500 meters north from Sanmachi. This area is also registered as important preservation district for groups of historic buildings in 2004.

We surveyed with thinking what to do in this town in each mind. The first visit was fruitful because we could see unique warehouses and get on with residents who have strong will.



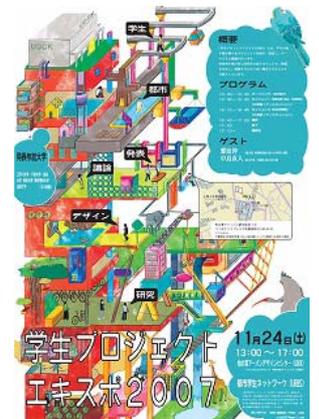
Fortunately, it had lots of colored leaves in Hida region. We enjoyed beautiful scenery, colored leaves and delicious dishes very much in Takayama.



Students' urban project expo 2007 was held

Eri Ueda M1 (Space planning lab.)

We held an event named "students' project expo 2007" at UDCK on November 24. This event aimed students major in urban engineering to present their projects and discuss them each other.



The purpose of this event was to know other students' projects and to have opportunities stimulating each other by sharing problems and discussing them.

There were eight projects from Edogawa University, Chiba University, Tsukuba University, the University of Tokyo, Tokyo University of Science, Hosei University and about 25 participants. It made the event more warmed up that Yatsuo project and Tomo project was presented from our lab, and Mr. Nakajima attended as a guest. I appreciate supports of members and everyone. Thank you for those attended.