

## Key Features of the Program

## All classes are provided in English!

Lectures and research supervision are all given in English. In our department there are, in total, 40 lectures provided in English in the fields of infrastructure management, regional planning, transportation engineering and planning, environmental engineering, coastal engineering, hydraulic and water resources engineering, geotechnical engineering, concrete engineering, structural engineering, disaster mitigation engineering, spatial information science, and international projects. Students can also take courses offered in English by other related departments. In total, you will have over 100 lectures to choose from.

### Immediate enrollment in a degree program!

You will be enrolled as a full-time graduate student immediately after arrival in Japan, and can earn a higher degree within two years for Master's and three years for Doctoral degrees.

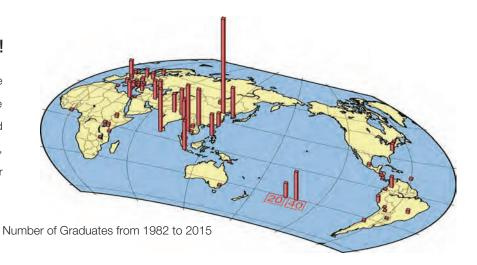
## Full scholarship support!

Scholarships for approximately 30 students are provided every year mainly by:

- · The Japanese government, Ministry of Education, Culture, Science, Sports and Technology (MEXT), and
- Asian Development Bank (ADB).

## Huge international alumni network!

More than 800 international students have completed our graduate program since 1982. And we have founded a web-based Civil Engineering Alumni Network (CEAN), to encourage communication between our alumni all over the world.



## Opportunity to study in one of the top departments in the world!

Our department is ranked in the top category in the QS World University Ranking by Subject (Civil & Structural Engineering).





JLC - Speech Contest

# **Support Systems for International Students**

Our department has set up effective support systems to help students during their studies at UTokyo. The Foreign Student Office, Japanese Language Classes, tutors and host families all assist international students at various stages, both inside and outside the university.

• Foreign Student Office (FSO)

provides support with administrative procedures and accommodation arrangements.

• Japanese Language Classes (JLC)

provide beginner's courses, run by professional instructors.

• Tutors (senior graduate students)

help you to start up your campus life.

• Host Family Program

gives you opportunities to gather with a Japanese host family to learn more about Japanese culture.



Civil Engineering Building



May Fesitval at Hongo Campus



Host Family Program







JLC - Excursion to Nezu Shrine



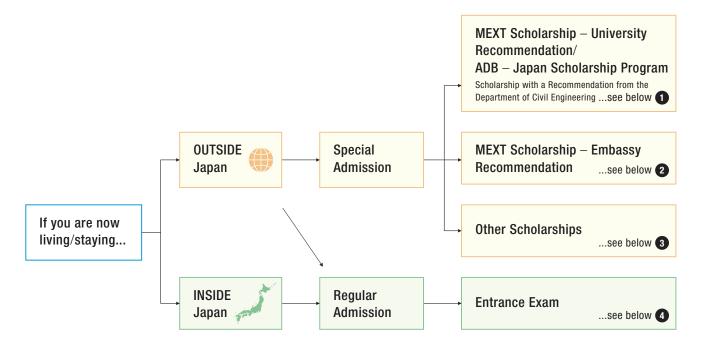
Welcome Party organized by ISACE (The International Students' Association in Civil Engineering)



Outside Campus



Fireworks Event



### MEXT Scholarship – University Recommendation/ ADB – Japan Scholarship Program

Department of Civil Engineering will nominate qualified candidates and recommend them to partner scholarship organizations, as listed below. Approximately 30 places in total will be allocated every year. Application due: The end of November for the following year's autumn intake

- Ministry of Education, Culture, Science, Sports and Technology of Japan (MEXT)
  - http://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/prospective-students/mext\_scholarship.html
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) http://www.adb.org/site/careers/japan-scholarship-program/main

### **3** Other Scholarships

Department of Civil Engineering will also accept recipients of other scholarships, if you obtain proof of financial support deemed adequate/acceptable by our department.

## 2 MEXT Scholarship – Embassy Recommendation

Department of Civil Engineering will accept the MEXT scholarship recipient(s). For this application procedure, please ask for details at the Embassy of Japan in your home country. The internal procedure for this scholarship is mentioned on the School of Engineering website: <a href="http://ois.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/admission/embassy\_R\_eng.html">http://ois.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/admission/embassy\_R\_eng.html</a>

#### 4 Entrance Exam

Those who are already living or staying in Japan are required to take an entrance examination. For further information on the entrance examination, please visit the website at

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## **Contact**

For more information, visit our website at http://www.civil.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/ or contact us at the following address: fso@civil.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp

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#### Zainab Farooq (Pakistan)

Master's Student, Bridge and Wind Engineering Laboratory)

I feel incredibly fortunate and grateful for the opportunity to pursue my master's in civil engineering at The University of Tokyo's Bridge and Wind Engineering Lab under the prestigious MEXT Scholarship program. Japan's impeccable infrastructure, the warmth of its people, and the harmonious blend of tradition and modernity have left a profound impression on me since my arrival in 2021. The research-oriented and constructive environment at The University of Tokyo motivates me to excel in my academic pursuits and contribute to the field of civil engineering. Immersing myself in Japan's rich cultural heritage and exploring its diverse landscapes has been a source of great joy and personal growth. My time here has shaped me in ways I could have never imagined, and I am grateful for the transformative experiences and meaningful connections that have enriched my journey. As I continue my stay, I am eager to make positive contributions to the community and leave a lasting impact in my field, guided by the spirit of gratitude and discovery that defines my experience in this remarkable country.

#### Krittanai Sriwongphanawes (Thailand)

Master's Student, Laboratory for Innovative Infrastructure System (LIIS)

It has been almost two years since I applied for the Department of civil engineering at the University of Tokyo and got accepted. There has not been a day I regretted my decision. The environment of this university is surprisingly suitable for studying. The professors are professionals with high expertise. The staffs are always happy to support my life in Japan. The most impressive thing for me is the facilities. There is everything a student would want for their study. This university is truly living up to its reputation.



Being here in Japan, I am learning a new language and know new people from various corners of the world. It indeed widens my perspective. I truly treasure my life in Japan and our department, and I am sure everyone with an open mind can enjoy it too.



#### Kenny Colin Tengsejing (Indonesia)

Master's Student, Kishi Laboratory

I remembered the first time I saw the effect of the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 when I was still in middle school. It was the fourth largest earthquake ever recorded in the world, yet I saw how skyscrapers were swaying and none collapsed. I remembered I thought, millions of lives were saved that day. Since then, I knew I wanted to be a civil engineer.

It has been a great privilege to be able to study in the country that could make such swaying buildings happen and the University of Tokyo has always been my desired campus to study for a long time. In the past, I only thought of The University of Tokyo as a distant dream, yet thanks to GOD's grace and mercy, I was fortunate enough to pursue my master's degree through the prestigious MEXT G to G scholarship program. I met with a lot of brilliant people and learned a lot during my two years of studying as a master's degree student. Especially my supervisor, Kishi Sensei and Assitant Professor, Ou Sensei, the two of them have patiently guided me throughout my research and made an impactful experience to my life. I have also honed my Japanese skill to a somewhat decent level to hold a conversation, though I still have a lot to learn. All in all, it was a wonderful journey, one that I will forever remember fondly.

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#### Manazir Hussain (Pakistan) Master's Student, Mizutani Laboratory

The decision to choose Japan and specifically the University of Tokyo for my higher education was a culmination of several meaningful factors. Japan's advancements in Civil Engineering, encouragement from Japanese Engineer and the profound insights gained from the book "生き甲斐" (Ikigai; The Japanese Secret to a Joyful Life) during my bachelor's studies.

The moment I received the selection email for the master's program at the University of Tokyo holds a special place in my heart. Although I applied three times to the University, I was finally selected with the ADB-JSP scholarship on my third attempt. I am profoundly grateful to the University of Tokyo for granting admission offer and to ADB-JSP for their generous financial support.

Embarking on a journey to another country and adapting to a new environment is undoubtedly challenging for everyone. The consistent support and guidance from the FSO has made my transition much easier and I am very thankful to them. During my course work and research, I have been blessed with the presence of supportive teachers and mentors. I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to My Supervisor, Mizutani Sensei, and my fellow lab mates, who have consistently offered their support, encouragement, and knowledge, helping me navigate my academic pursuits with confidence.

As my First Year in the master's program draws to a close, I have had the privilege of learning from and interacting with numerous brilliant individuals, which has further ignited my passion for knowledge. Moving forward, I am determined to focus on continuous learning and conducting excellent research that can have a positive and lasting impact on society.

#### Rath Sothyrak (Cambodia) Doctoral Student, Sakai Lab

I have always admired the way that Japanese people work and their politeness. This motivates me to come and study in Japan. I was fortunate to get a MEXT scholarship to study in the Department of Civil Engineering, the University of Tokyo. I still remember the feeling that I first landed on the land of Japan. I feel grateful for the staffs of UTokyo, especially FSO, that they took really good care for the students in every circumstances. I really like the studying environment here. I have a lot of freedom to do my research with kind supports and understanding from my respectful supervisor. With modern and numerous research equipment, I really do enjoy my research works. Beside studying, there are a lot of interesting things about Japan, especially the rich in nature. I really enjoy travelling to different places and capturing the beautiful sceneries of Japan. I think all these things will become my great memories that remind me about my stay in Japan.









Symposium