

# Ochanomizu Summer Program 2019 Report

27 July – 9 August 2019

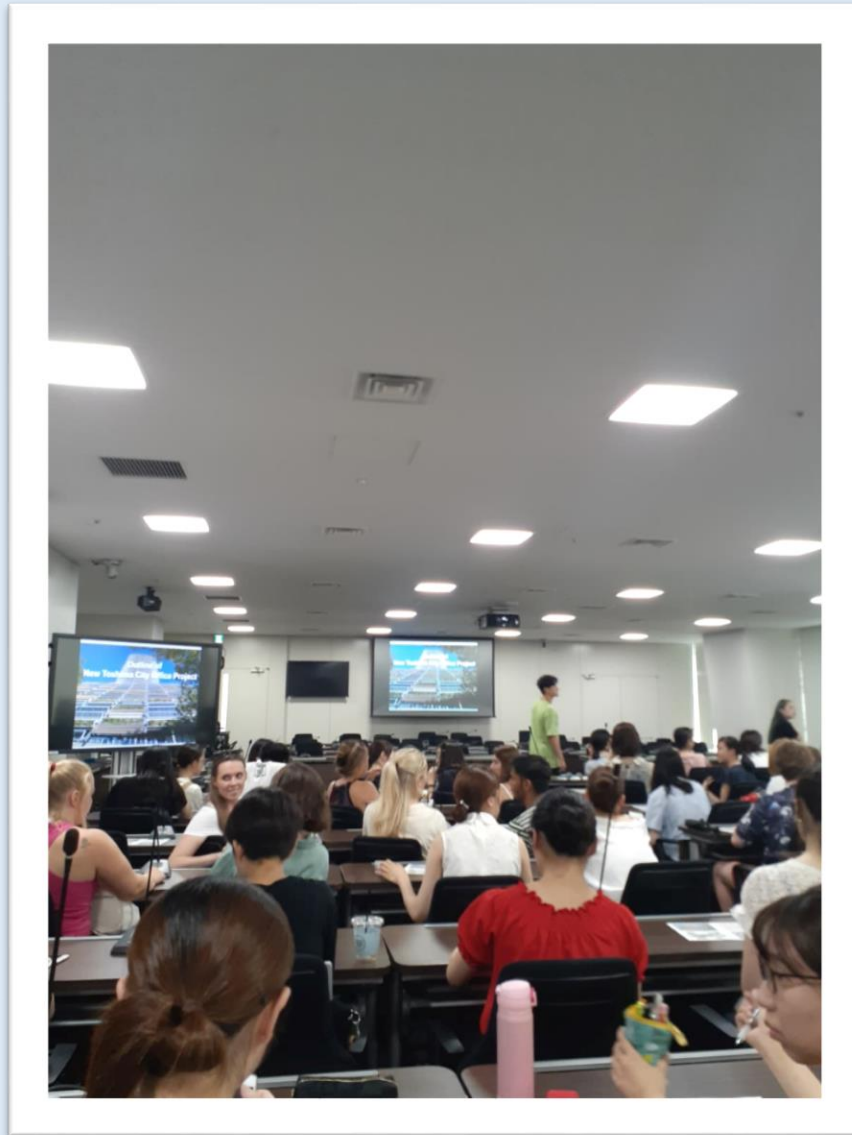


## Participants for Ochanomizu Summer Program 2019

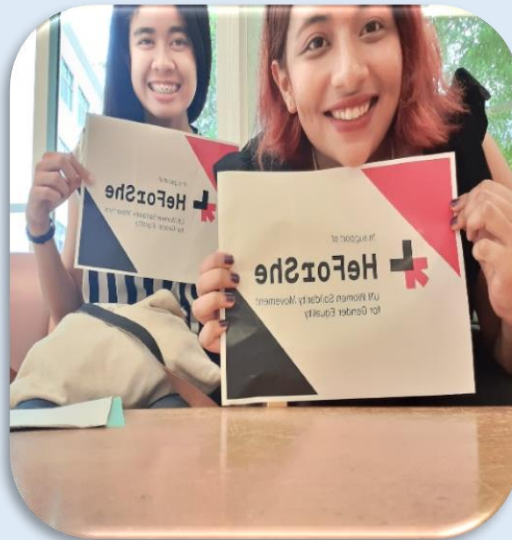
No.	Name	Country	Academic Program (AIT)	Course (Ochanomizu University)
1.	Anuj Pradhananga	Nepal	Master in Structural Engineering (SET)	Natural Science
2.	Melissa Shrestha	Nepal	Master in Regional and Rural Development Planning (SERD)	Gender Equality and Leadership
3.	Nilan Sachintha Jayasiri	Srilanka	Master in Geotechnical and Earth Resources Engineering	Gender Equality and Leadership



This summer program was held in Ochanomizu University, Bunkyo City, Tokyo, Japan. The university is located near Myogodani Train Station, which is five minutes' walk away from the university. On the first day, we arrived Japan, we felt overwhelmed with the country's organized lifestyle, clean environment, well-structured tall buildings and energetic working citizens. We safely landed on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in Narita Airport, Japan. We received a wonderful hospitality from the student volunteers committee who helped us for reaching to our dormitories and accommodations.



The classrooms were filled with diverse students from different regions of the world, such as, Europe, South Asia and South East Asia. This factor of diversity was very beneficial for three of us as we got to learn about different culture and diverse viewpoints on several topics. For instance, for the course on “Gender Equality and Leadership”, we were divided into groups to discuss on topics such as “Role of women in politics in different regions”.



Besides classroom activities, the summer program also organized certain special talk events by famous people such as UN Women Ambassador. In this event with UN Women Ambassador, we learnt about UN Women's role and responsibilities. Also, we participated in "He for She" campaign, which is a solidarity campaign for the advancement of gender equality, initiated by UN. Its goal is to achieve equality by encouraging all genders to partake as agents of change and take action against negative stereotypes and behaviors.





Besides classroom activities and special lectures from famous people, we also took part in special events. In this special events, we learnt how to make Japanese sweet dish, we learnt how to order simple dish in restaurants also we learnt about Japanese Food, Culture, Books and Music through Ochanomizu students.





The Summer Program organized a special cultural event, where we were taught how to wear Yukata by some respective elder seniors. A yukata is a Japanese garment, a casual summer kimono usually made of cotton or synthetic fabric, and unlined.



On our final days of this summer program, we were allocated under different groups to conduct a presentation with Japanese students. Different groups worked on different topics and helped Japanese students on conducting research, planning how to present and enhancing their English speaking skills.

Each of us received different presentation topics from the organizer of Summer Program.

Melissa: “Analyzing Hit Chart Songs in Japan, Nepal, Korea and Thailand”

Anuj: “Japanese School Uniforms”

Nilan: “LGBT Rights”







### **Closing Ceremony of Ochanomizu Summer Program 2019**

In this closing ceremony, we received certificates and shared our farewell moments with teachers, organizers and friends.