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Dispatched Period	20/June/2009 (D) (M) (Y)	~	30/August/2009 (D) (M) (Y)
Venue (Name of the facility,city&country)	NASA Ames Research Center, Mountain View, San Francisco Bay Area, California, USA		
Other visiting place	None		
Number of total participants	131 (Of which number of Japanese: 8)	Number of participating nations	35
Team project	TP DREAM (Disaster Risk Evaluation And Management)		
Lecturers of note	Peter H. Diamandis, Robert D. Richards, Chiaki Mukai, S. Pete Worden		
Participations in other congresses supported by ISU if any	None		

Space Studies Program of International Space University this year (ISU SSP09) was held at NASA Ames Research Center, California, USA. The participants consisted of graduate students like me, engineers or scientists in companies or space agencies, lawyers, an artist and so on.

I have taken Core Lecture, Department Activity, Team Project, Workshop, etc. in 10 weeks and learned a lot about space. SSP was a challenging program for me as I had heard from past participants because it had a very tight schedule in a short term and moreover was conducted in English all the time. Especially, I had difficulty with some subjects that are outside my field, for example law or business. However, I chose Business and Management in Department Activity to learn something new and I gained a lot of good experience.

Not to speak of knowledge about space and experience, time that I spent with friends with different languages, cultures, and specialties but with whom we have a common term "space" and stimuli by them are very precious for me. I am confident that experience that I gained in this program will be useful in my study in future.



Group presentation in Department Activity



Group picture of TP DREAM