

Nagoya University Civil and Environmental Engineering International Programs Closing Ceremony, 2026 Spring

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Good afternoon, everyone.

First of all, it is a great honor to represent the students in this closing ceremony.

To my fellow graduates, congratulations!

To all the faculty and staff of GSES, especially the international office, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continuous support and for organizing this special ceremony.

My name is Riko Hosokawa from Tanikawa laboratory.



I joined the NUGELP program to improve my English communication skills and to become a more globally minded person in the future. At that time, actually, I felt very nervous because I was not confident in my English. As expected, I faced many difficulties during my master journey. However, by overcoming them, I was able to grow step by step.

Through the NUGELP lectures, I gained a deeper understanding of global environmental issues. In addition, through the COIL program and the Global Research Internship, I had the opportunities to visit the United States and Germany. These experiences taught me the importance of understanding and respecting different cultures, and helped me reflect on my own perspectives.

The most valuable things I gained throughout the NUGELP program are communication skills and meaningful friendships. I learned that even if our language skills are not perfect, we can still connect with others by trying to understand each other. All the friends I met through NUGELP program are truly irreplaceable and will always be an important part of my life.

From April, I will start working. Through the NUGELP, I have taken my first step toward becoming a global professional. I hope to continue to build meaningful relationships with people from diverse backgrounds throughout my life.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to everyone involved in this program, and once again, congratulations!
Thank you very much.

KAKO Takashi

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Good evening, everyone.
Distinguished professors, and my dear friends.

Today is a very special day.
After six or two years, we are finally graduating from Nagoya University.
When I first, I was a little nervous.
Now, looking at all of you, I feel very happy.

My most special memory is the GRI program.
I went to the Philippines to see a construction site for a new railway.
A Japanese company was building it.
At the site, I felt many differences between Japan and other countries.
The culture and the way of working were different.
It was a big surprise for me.
I realized that seeing the world with my own eyes is very important.

In the NUGELP program, I learned even more.
I practiced my English and communication skills every day.
I will never forget the skills.

From April, I will start working for JR.
In the future, I may work in the other countries.
I want to use my experience to connect Japan and the world as a global leader.

To our professors: Thank you for your great lessons.
To my friends: Let's enjoy our new journey.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!
Thank you very much.



LIU Guangwei

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Good afternoon, everyone!

Esteemed faculty and staff, distinguished guests, dear family and friends — thank you sincerely for being here with us today.

And to my fellow graduates — heartfelt congratulations on this incredible achievement!

My name is Liu Guangwei, from China, a former marine engineer and current member of the Laboratory of Computational Mechanics and Optimal Design, which is the Kato-Nishiguchi Lab.

I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude.

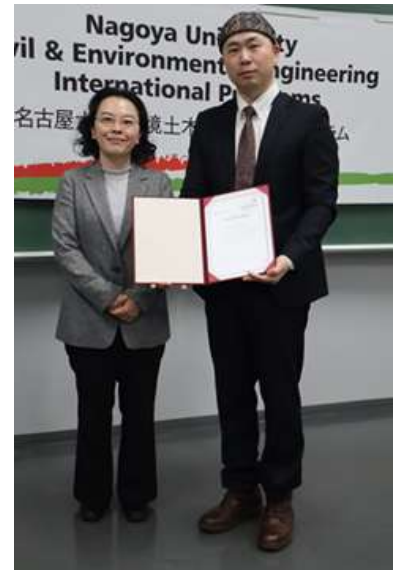
First and foremost, on behalf of all graduating students, I wish to sincerely thank the International Programs Office and the CEEIPO staff for their tireless dedication, for not only managing this program but also for investing in each of us and helping shape us into researchers capable of contributing to the world.

To our professors and supervisors — your guidance went far beyond academic instruction. You challenged us to think critically, to question our assumptions, and to push the boundaries of what we believed possible. For your patience, encouragement, and wisdom, we are truly grateful.

To our families and loved ones, whether present today or watching from across the world — your unwavering support was our foundation. Every encouraging word, every sacrificed night of worry on our behalf, carried us through the most difficult moments of this journey. We could not have done this without you.

To the juniors and incoming students who will walk the halls we are now leaving — embrace every challenge, remain curious, and never underestimate the value of persistence. We pass this baton to you with confidence and with pride.

Looking back, our time at Nagoya University has been nothing short of transformative. We arrived with ambitions and questions; we leave with knowledge, resilience, and a network of friendships that spans continents. The research experience we gained here — the late nights in the laboratory, the revisions, the setbacks and breakthroughs — has prepared us for a future where we can contribute meaningfully to our fields and to society.



Today marks not an ending, but a beginning. As we step into the next chapter of our lives, let us carry forward the spirit of inquiry, the commitment to excellence, and the sense of responsibility that this program has instilled in us. Wherever our paths may lead, let us strive to make a difference.

Once again, on behalf of graduates, thank you to Nagoya University, to our mentors, and to everyone who believed in us.

Thank you very much.

Congratulations to all, and I look forward to seeing what we will each accomplish next!