

# **Self-Nomination for APU Alumni Association Student Activity Support Fund 2013 (Individual)**

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**Conducted by Mr. ZOU Xiaolong (Edison)**

Graduate Year 2011

Program: IMAT

Department: APS

**Reason for Application:**

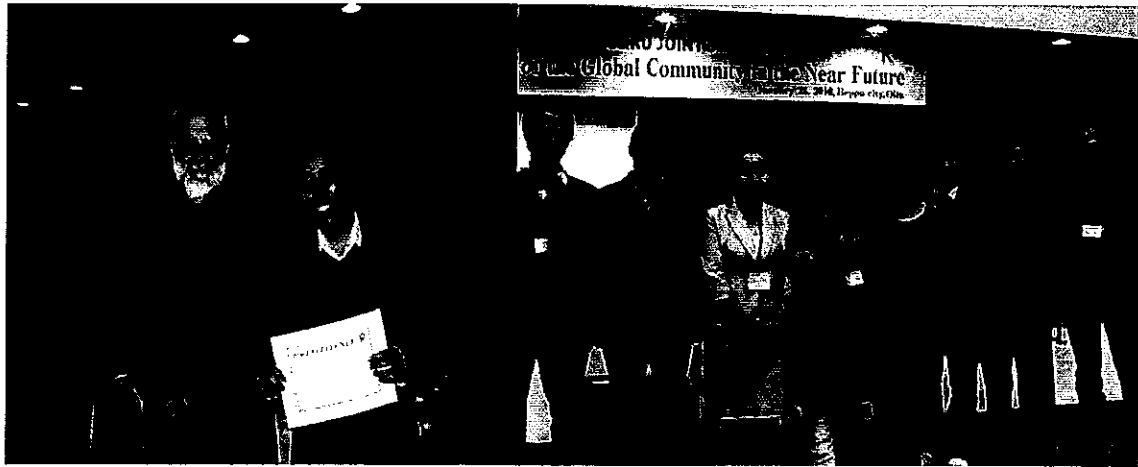
In November of 2011, I attended the APU graduation ceremony in Beppu, when I met many of my graduate school classmates, APU schoolmates, and former teachers and professors. Words could not describe the sweat-bitterness that I felt, for I had been ever since, no longer a student but an alumnus.

The time I spend in APU maybe short but the lessons and inspirations I obtained are life-long benefiting. Constantly inspired by the motto "Shape Your World", I had been shaping my world in my own field, even if I was still a graduate student. I firmly believe that one's fortune does not lie in how much one gets but how much one gives to others, to the needed in society, be it less or more, tiny or significant, material or spiritual. I've lived in these ideals, even in my daily life as well as in my professional careers. And I have been striving to set up personal examples to inspire others to "shape their world" as well. All I have been able to do is because of the education, friendship, and visions I gained as an APU student back then, and one of the Alumni now.

Thusly, when I received the email for this alumni award, without any hesitation, I want to apply. It's not about receiving the fund nor the award; it's about the recognition of APU spirit, that any one with his or her own dreams can make a difference in the world. To get the encouragement from others meanwhile become an inspiration for others to come.

**List of Activities and Achievements:**

In my student's life, I had been the moderator of the very first RU/APU Joint Seminar, and won the first prize as a team. My topic is about the fossil product wastes (such as plastic bags) and its impact to the environment. Unfortunately, I could not find the news link from APU website, therefore I include some of the photos taken back then, and a scanned copy of my certificate at the appendix part.



Photos were taken December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at APU, Japan

During my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as IMAT program student, I represented IfaS and APU to go to Dubai for the Education Without Borders program, and selected among thousands of qualified student researchers worldwide as the student presenter, and my paper was chosen to be presented in their World Forum with other two distinguished student presenters.

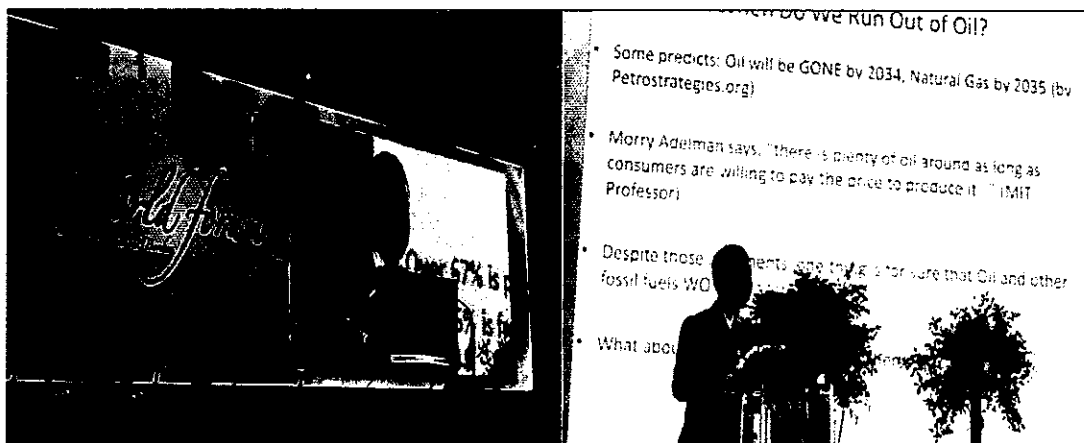


Photo were taken March 2011, Dubai, UAE

The following link is the video of my presentation, and also the published paper can be downloaded within the website.

<http://ewb.hct.ac.ae/ewb2011/student-presentations/march-towards-sustainable-future/>

As a professional, I've been actively involved in the environmental educational fields. During the fall of 2011, I was invited by Dr. LU Hongyan of Sichuan University, as a guest lecturer for a presentation of the eco-and environmental

educations in Japan and Germany, to a group of young students from several universities of Chengdu City, Sichuan, China



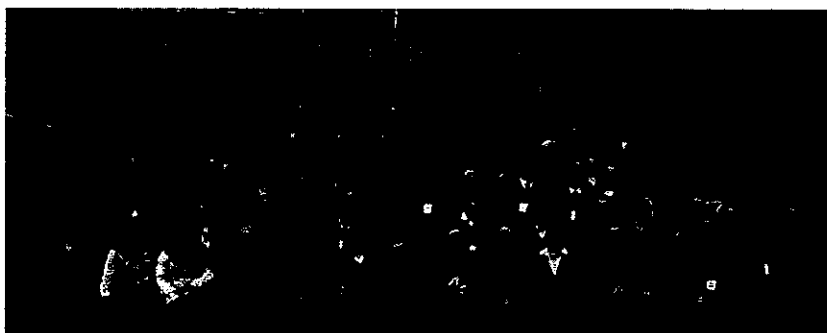
Photos were taken November of 2011, Chengdu, China.

(You can contact Dr. Lu for the verification: [redbird66@gmail.com](mailto:redbird66@gmail.com))

In the spring of 2012, IfaS employed me as the coordinator of a Sino-German Joint Research Project Seminar, to organize the final workshop in Beijing. During this workshop, I've tried my very best to coordinate between the international researchers, young scholars, business leaders and government officials for this significant endeavor in China.



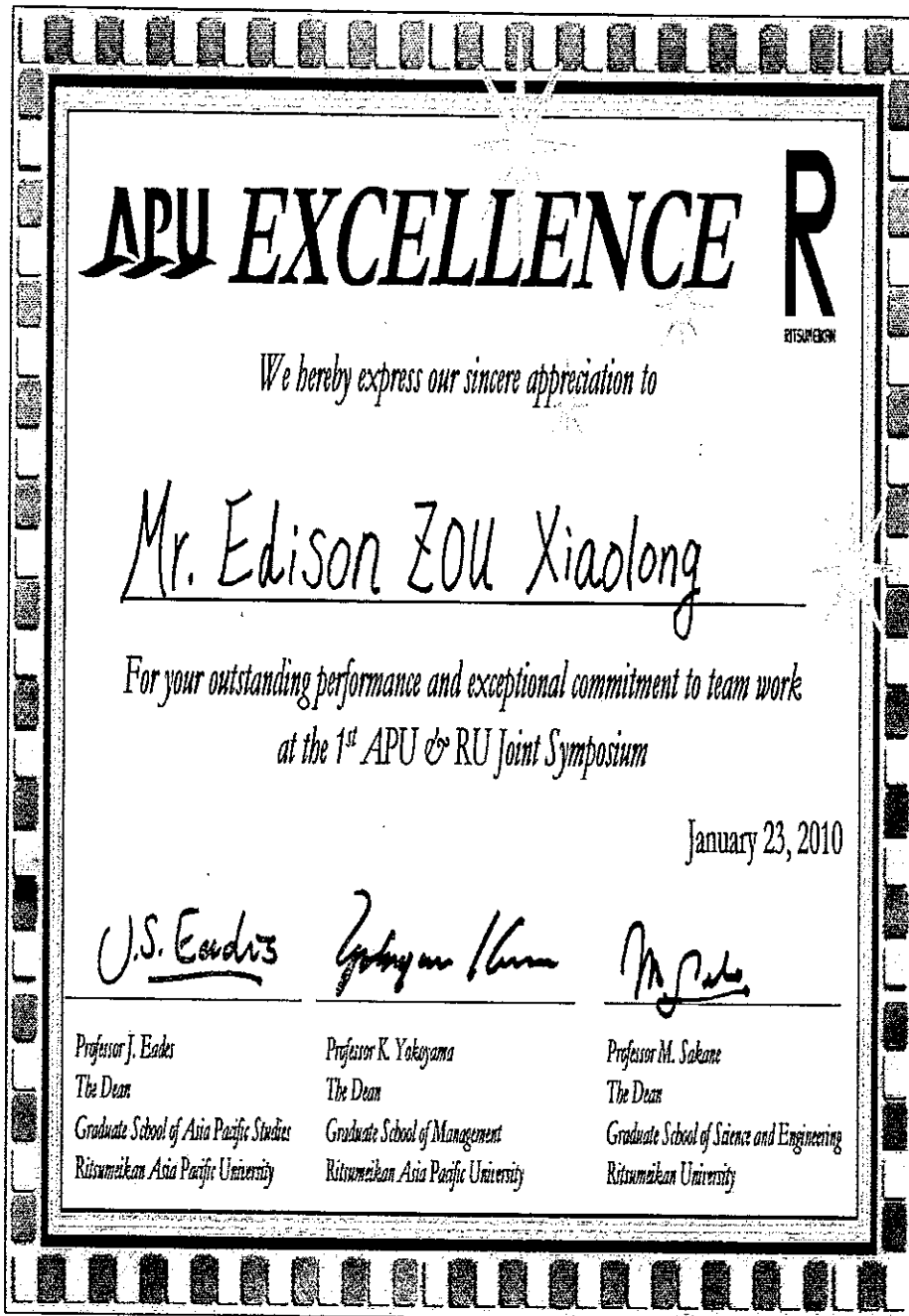
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(This can be verified by Ms. Katrin Müller [katrin.mueller@umwelt-campus.de](mailto:katrin.mueller@umwelt-campus.de))

Appendix:



Education  
Without Borders 2011

*Certificate of Appreciation*

Presented to

*Xiaolong Zou*

In recognition of your valued contribution to the

**International  
Student Conference**

United Arab Emirates, 28-31 March 2011

Dr. Tayeb A. Kamali  
Vice Chancellor, HCT

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Without Borders 2011

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