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Intelligent Infrastructure

-An advanced interdisciplinary approach towards innovation

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Infrastructure is a system to make people live happy lives. As population grows, human factors of the system increase exponentially because people interact. Artificial intelligence has been a tool to solve such non-polynomial order problems, thus the need for science of intelligent infrastructure. There are three types of intelligence which will innovate infrastructure. The first is "static intelligence" to optimize inefficient parts of the existing infrastructure while keeping the existing hardware as it is. The second is "dynamic intelligence" to optimize the infrastructure by equipping it with such new hardware as sensors, computers, and controllers. The third is "cumulative intelligence" to optimize the infrastructure over tens of years. The best solution at a moment will not necessarily be the best in a long run. In this workshop, we decompose the process to approach ultimate intelligent infrastructure into four steps: (1) observing both natural and societal status, (2) modeling and simulating the infrastructure in cyber world, (3) optimizing it by computers, (4) installing the solution in the real world. Whenever examples are needed, it is expected in this workshop to use water infrastructure to sustain lives, transportation to sustain communities of people, and energy infrastructure to sustain civilization of the humankind. I hope this holistic interdisciplinary approach will contribute to both innovating infrastructure in ASEAN countries as well as in Japan, and innovating science of infrastructure for the entire world.

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