

Hi. Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

I'm standing here representing my friends, my brothers, my sisters, the other 24 fellows from 14 countries, and 48% almost 50% of us are women. I can see smiling eyes in all women here.

seeing all people eyes

For almost all of us, at least for me, living in Iceland is beyond dreams come true. We never ever imagine living in such a country with beautiful nature and scenery including watching aurora with naked eyes, glaciers, meeting people with good quality of life, adapting in the fluctuating weather (crazy wind, cold and snow recently) especially in this extraordinary pandemic situation.

Really such a blessing.

For that reason, we would like to say our gratitude to:

1. Martin Eyjólfsson, Permanent Secretary of state, The Icelandic Ministry for foreign affairs
2. Nina and all Directors of GRO
3. Board of Director of ISOR and all the staff members
4. All the cooperation companies, Universities (Haskoli Iceland and Reykjavik University)
5. Last but not least, GRO GTP Director and staff Gudni, Frida, Ingimar, Vigdis and Markus back then

Including all distinguished guests

Thank you so much for making this training a reality with all the resources that you have such as money (money, money, money), connections, mind, heart, and of course time.

Talking about time, if we could turn back the time, almost six months ago we were standing in front of some of you and introducing ourselves. Some of us had red faces and were nervously shaking to tell you who we are, from which country, what is our specialization, what will we do here, and some of our expectations.

I believe we fulfilled the expectation, even beyond our plans. Why? Because we did hundred hours of zoom and classroom session also, we did excited and hurry field trips (ha), written tests, and fascinating WGC 2020+1 including the short course. And of course, the last one final project, everything in time and we learned.

We learned a lot, not only the technical and geothermal part but also about life. From the Asian fellows, China, Philippines, Iran, India, and Indonesia we learn to be more caring for each other and respect at the same time. Our friends from Algeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Djibouti, and African we learn to love our family more, I found them talking much to their families. Is it your family, right? From the Latin region, Colombia, Nicaragua, Ecuador, and El Salvador we learn how to dance *la geo moves* and enjoy life more! Is all country in fellows already mentioned? If not, maybe we are not learning from you, haha no I'm kidding.

Other than that, we also moved with uncounted free bus trip, eating ice cream even the cold weather, (in Indonesia they would think I have mental health issues if I did that), visiting the expensive restaurant (regrets after that and wish that we can wash the dishes instead of paying the bills), drinking in bars (not drunk, oops), and dancing, singing in karaoke bar or parties. Even we are so afraid of covid and trying to spray less saliva in the air as much as we can. How? I don't know. But we tried our best. And praise the Lord none of the fellow and GTP staff got infected by Covid during this past 6 months.

Thank God for all those good memories and achievements. Thank you for all our fathers and mothers maybe several of them watching us from zoom or heaven. Thanks to spouses or partners, our siblings, relatives, children, besties, our company, our colleagues in the office, and all our support system. After this even please tell them how their love has domino effect on others even to the people they don't know.

Now we are ready to move on. I mean ready or not, we need to go back to our country. With a mind full of knowledge, eyes full of happy tears, and a huge willingness to be involved in the geothermal development, research, and related activities because we believe this green energy can make us be part of little (only little) part to make a better world for our next generation.

We hope our actions after these days will be in line with the discussion results in the Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow, UK this November 2021 which was attended by hundreds of countries representatives. To secure global net-zero, to keep warming below 1.5 degrees at the end of the century, protect communities and natural habitat, mobilize climate finances, and work together to deliver.

Together we can move, we can crawl, walk, run, or fly, whatever the movement as long as we have similar purposes to be better world citizens for our earth.

We may meet again in the future, maybe in person, in wireless, or even on Mars, we don't know, but I hope in the future we meet and share the good news about the geothermal energy in our countries and part of it because of this training.

So, after all this six-month moments, we feel so blessed and loved. We left a piece of our heart in Iceland and always warm in here (heart) every time we remember every single thing about Iceland. Thank you so much. Terima kasih. God bless you all.