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What I Acquired Through Pacific-LEADS Program

My name is Edward Maru from Solomon Islands. I successfully completed the Master of Science in meteorology program implemented by the project for Pacific Leaders' Educational Assistance for development of State, P-LEADS 2016 1st batch from August 25th 2016 to September 18th 2018. The program was organized and funded by JICA. On the 18th September 2018, I was graduated with the degree of Master of Science in meteorology, atmospheric science, physics and earth sciences at the graduate school of engineering and science of the University of the Ryukyus.

I am grateful, honored and humbled to be awarded with the President's Honorary Award in recognition of scholarly achievement and contributions to the university. A lot of skills and knowledge has been acquired which helped in my career field and including research techniques. This enabled the scientific paper of my research topic to be published as an article in the peer-reviewed journal called Atmosphere.



Photo 1: At my graduation ceremony. Myself holding my award whilst my supervisor holding my master degree. On the far left & right, two OIC JICA officials.

Alumnus Information

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Current position & message to active P-LEADS participants in Japan

I, am currently employed under the Ministry of Environment, Disaster Management & Meteorology as a Chief Forecaster within the Meteorology division. My job descriptions (duties) include supervising the forecasting section and ensuring weather forecasts, alerts and warnings of severe weather and hazards are timely produced and disseminated in accordance with national thresholds, formats, technical regulations and standard operating procedures (SOPs). To all active P-LEADS, wish you all the best.



Photo 2: Applying the knowledge and skills acquired in my research for pre-tropical cyclone season awareness in schools.

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