



Alumnus Information

Name: Asera Wayne Asera

Country: Samoa

Organization, Position:

Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, Principal IT Officer

Training Period (Batch):

August 2016 - September 2018

University: Kumamoto University

Research Theme: Biometric

Security - Weber Centralized

Binary Fusion Descriptor for

Fingerprint Liveness Detection



My name is Asera Wayne Asera and I graduated from Kumamoto University with a Masters in Engineering in September 2018. Prior leaving for Japan I resigned from my previous work as a Senior System Analyst so, upon returning to Samoa I had to look for a new job. Currently, I am working at the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries as a Principal IT Officer. My new position's main objective is to plan and organize the development and maintenance of the Ministry's IT infrastructure through consultations with executive management. This is to ensure the ICT systems used by the Ministry are available and secured. I was also heavily involved in coordinating two international conferences the Ministry hosted a few months ago.

The skills and knowledge that I have acquired through the Pacific-LEADS programme has been useful by enabling me to be assertive and more confident in providing solutions on any issues encountered within the division and the Ministry. My current career goals are to implement IT strategies by proposing innovative solutions to address problems that employees encounter and at the same time contribute by utilizing technology in improving efficiency within the Ministry and its stakeholders.



The experiences I gained during the Pacific-LEADS programme not only helped me with obtaining more knowledge in regards to my field but it also helped me to find myself through journeys and moments I shared and enjoyed with friends from different parts of the world that I was fortunate enough to have made and met in Japan. That is why, whenever someone asks about my experience in Japan, whether it was from academic opportunities achieved or life lesson learnt or personal fulfillment, the best word to describe my whole experience to anyone would be nostalgia (懐かしいです) .

So having gone through such a joyous experience, I would like to encourage and recommend to anyone and/or active participants to make the most of the opportunity while studying in Japan as it has been the most treasured experience of my life.

My future plan is to get as much exposure regionally and globally as an IT professional it would be helpful as my career progresses. Additionally, I would want the opportunity to utilize my research in Biometrics to improve security and minimize fraudulent activities given that nowadays technology is an ever changing and rapidly growing industry. And finally, hopefully I will get another chance to visit Japan and/or further my studies to pursue a PHD.

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