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Note from the Chair

SIGHT's reach is truly global and this month we're reminded of that fact with news from Tunisia to Tokyo.

Read on for highlights from

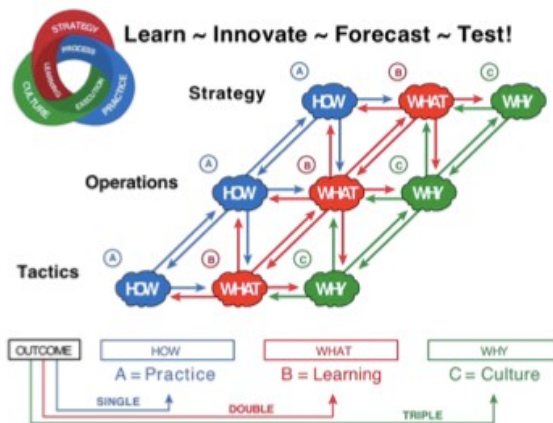## Helping Countries Connect and Thrive, Starting with Tunisia

Figure 7: Learn Innovate Forecast Test - LIFT

Tunisia's government has volunteered the country as a "Pioneer" for an Internet adoption program. A Global Connectivity Corps will support it, a group that includes IEEE members, the U.S. State Department, Global Connect, the World Bank, and others.

The Corps' first step was to engage with the IEEE-SIGHT Volunteer Network and the 15 IEEE chapters in Tunisia.

"This is the right time to get involved in this project as IEEE volunteers. This project is based on a clear vision that we can track with tangible goals and milestones throughout the five years. In my opinion, considering Tunisia as an example for your upcoming projects is a great choice," says Anis Ben Arfi, a PhD

your fellow SIGHTs. And, as always, thank you for everything that you do!

Kartik Kulkarni, Chair, IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee

Calling for Photos and Videos of SIGHT in Action!

IEEE.tv is developing two SIGHT videos and we can help. Please send your photos of SIGHT volunteers in action, and even photos of interesting projects that do not show any people at all. The producers are not looking for group photos, they want action shots!

Please send your photos and videos to **r.goodier@ieee.org**.

Find SIGHT Membership Resources at the Online SIGHT Toolkit

Learn about the new requirements of SIGHT membership and find resources to help accomplish your goals with the online **SIGHT Toolkit.**

SIGHT Project Funding Deadlines

The Steering Committee continues accepting proposals

candidate at the University of Calgary in Alberta who brought the IEEE chapters together for this initiative.

For more, please see SIGHT's news blog.
Full Report: Help Tunisia Go Online

A new SIGHT for Powerline Safety Launches in Hyderabad

Satish Chaparala inspects improperly installed power distribution transformers a common problem in the rural area of Hyderabad India.

The IEEE Industry Applications Society (IAS) has launched the Global Overhead Powerline Safety Awareness Project, and a newly formed SIGHT will serve as its pilot in Hyderabad, India. SIGHT OPSAP-Hyderabad aims to reduce injuries and fatalities from overhead power lines.

Satish Chaparala will manage the pilot with local support from the Hyderabad IEEE Section and the IAS/PES Chapter.

As one of its first orders of business, the team will make a 12-minute video on power line safety for villagers in the region.

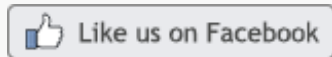*Reporting by John Nelson, IEEE IAS member and Consulting Engineer at NEI Electric Power Engineering, Inc.*

for SIGHT project funding. The committee will award grants of US$500 to nearly $20,000. The activities that we fund must be completed by the end of 2016 to be considered.

Final deadline of 2016:

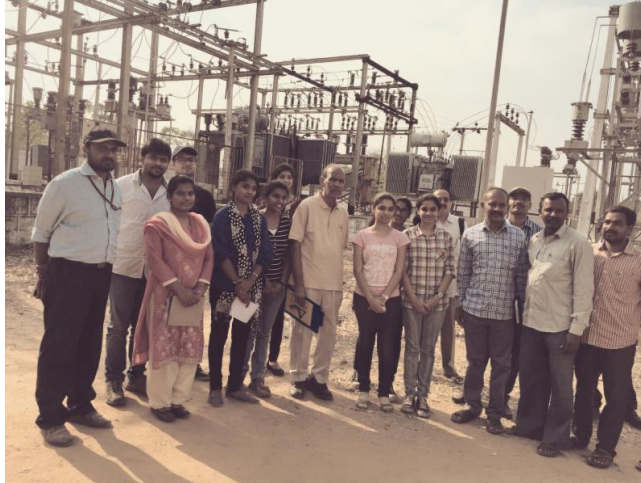- ~~February 15~~
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Good luck!

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The new SIGHT team on Overhead Power Line Safety Awareness

Technology for All Summer Camp Unites Engineers with Communities in Eraviputhenthurai
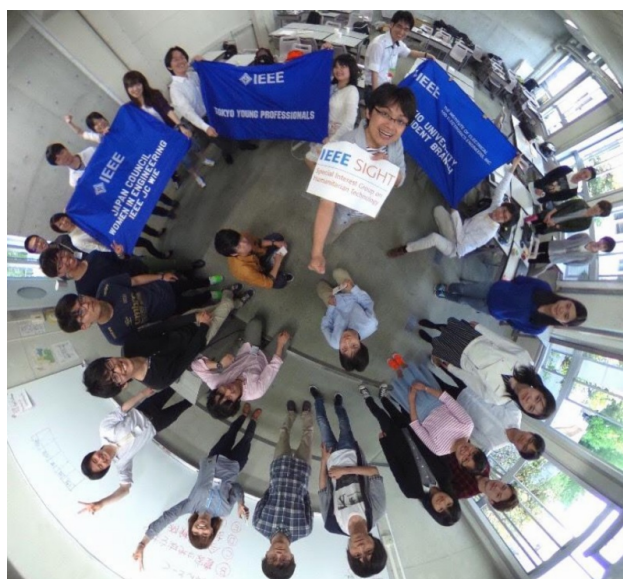

Technology for All participants meet at a coconut estate.

Engineering students met with tradespeople from communities around Eraviputhenthurai, Kanyakumari District in India for five days during the IEEE Summer Camp "Technology for All." The Artisanal Deep Sea Fishers SIGHT organized the camp with a two-fold mission. The students learned about the communities, and, in turn, they informed people about the role of technology in minimizing occupational hazards and boosting their earnings.

See the full report: Technology for All

1st SIGHT Hack Challenge in Tokyo: "Change Japan with Mobile Apps"

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Thirty-four people learned to code mobile applications at the first SIGHT Hack Challenge in Tokyo.

"The purpose of this event is to learn the skills that address problems of Japanese modern society for the students and young professionals,"Kojiro Nishimiya, Tokyo Section Young Professionals Affinity Group Chair, wrote about the event.

Full Report: SIGHT Hack Challenge in Tokyo

Deadlines for SIGHT Newsletter Submissions

Share news about your events, innovations and successes with the worldwide SIGHT community. Submit announcements or story ideas by the first of each month for a chance to see it in the next month's edition.

Submission guidelines:

- 150 words or less
- Include photos! (with captions)
- Include Web links! (Interested people will want more information)

Please send correspondence to Rob Goodier at r.goodier@ieee.org. Thank you!