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## THE SCALE CONNECT

The SCALE Connect event is held annually at the MIT, where students from all scale networks are “brought together as a meritocracy, with a sense of community and innovative spirit.” Before SCALE Connect happening, many students of the MIT Scale Network could not wait to attend. Groups of students with the same nationality were created so that they could meet up and learn from each other.

During these three-weeks, many activities attracted students, such as Design Network provided by Llama soft, programming using Python, speaking of industry-leading speakers, leadership workshop series, SC Games, and industrial tour. Each activity was well designed to provide students fruitful skills and knowledge.

Llama soft was led by a passionate and broad knowledge instructor. He showed us how to apply technology in design networks, optimization, and scenario. The benefit of this course is that it provides a tool for us to create many situations with base optimization so that SC leaders can propose proper preparation as well as a strategy for the company.



In the speaker series, MIT brought nine speakers who are industry leaders in logistics, supply chain, warehousing, electronics, e-commerce, and retailers. They shared a lot of learning and lessons from their industry.

Leadership workshop prepares for us how to be useful in networking, interview, and especially explore individual strength. Via these leadership activities, we know how to focus on our strengths, harness it, and have positive thinking.

Students from all scale also had the opportunity to join industry tour to lead of retailers, warehousing, and manufacturing such as Walgreens, Quiet Logistics, Dell, AB Inev, and 6 Rivers logistics. All these tours highlight how to use the automatic robot in helping human in picking up products accurately as well as efficiency in inventory management.



The Python course becomes very interesting than the usual programming course since the instructor is very dedicated to helping us understand it thoroughly and love to apply coding in solving a problem.

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Supply Chain Games was held with full of learning and competitive spirit. Via this game, we can see many ways to approach designing and to operate a company.

During these 3 weeks, we also set aside the USA exploring time at weekends. We took the tour to New York City and visited Massachusetts City. These tours show us the historical and dynamic of US society. The most important thing is we spent time together and make our friendship fruitful.



For me, the SCALE Connect becomes special when it put us in an uncomfortable zone, which creates a chance for us to face it, tackle it, and improve ourselves. Shark Tank games helped me to learn how to start an engaging story when I have a chance to work with Latin American teammates and work as a team to complete each other. Research expo shows me that a compelling story is an authentic story. If a colorful starting can keep the audience's attention in the first 2 minutes, a good story can keep your audience more than 10 minutes.

The SCALE Connect was successfully end on Friday, 31st Jan.



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