When I applied for the MEXT scholarship my goals were to: (1) become a world class engineer by international standards, (2) achieve the highest level in diagnosis of rotating machinery, and (3) to become a rotor dynamicist within 5 years of undergraduate graduation.

After working for 4 years to improve the reliability of the Bogue Power plant by 48% through diagnosis of faults in rotating machinery, I then moved into a new phase of



my career, i.e. building a new energy landscape. For the next five years, I would be involved in the construction of a wind farm and hydroelectric plant. Over the last four years, I have been involved in the fastest evolving renewable energy industry worldwide, i.e. solar/photovoltaic energy solutions. My experience in Japan has taught me to set no limits and to overcome challenges. I take these lessons with me as I work to build a new local industry.

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