Workshop on Assistive Technology Solutions in Minutes
Day 2 Report

Session 1 started at 9.00 AM sharp in the auditorium. Professor Therese and her students distributed the required material and tools to the students. The explanation today was more elaborate as these batches of students are going to attend the workshop for two days.

At first Professor Therese introduced the tool by showing it on the screen by using her i-pad. Later the team went to each table and asked the students to touch and feel the tool or material and challenged them to identify the possible solutions using the material. The students were very enthusiastic and came up with several solutions. Later, Professor Therese explained them how actually they can be used by using some case studies.

Each batch of students is given a pair of scissors, a box cutter, a ruler, an acrylic cutter, a corrugated plastic sheet, foam sheet, Uglu, VHP and so on. Each of these materials along with their case study are explained scrupulously by Professor Therese. After Professors explanation, the two students Emily and Wanesa moved around the auditorium to interact with each individual team and taught them how to make an effective use of the material.

The demonstrations, interactions and case studies went on till 12.30PM. At 1.30PM all the students assembled back for the post lunch session. This session is more a hands on session rather than demonstrations and case studies. All the teams are asked to cut acrylic sheet with the acrylic cutter as per the directions given by Prof. Therese. Then all the teams are given a task of making a holder using the corrugated plastic and dual tape. After that they are asked to make a project of their own choice and show their creativity. The students have shown lot of enthusiasm in making the projects and showing it to Prof. Therese and her students. The team from USA is so encouraging. They moved around the auditorium to check the projects developed by our students and have taken the pictures of the projects to place them in their blog.

At 5.30 PM the students are given an assignment to fabricate an assistive technology solution using only the material available in India. The evaluation of these projects would be made based on the innovation, aesthetics, safety and application.

All the students were busy in collecting the material from the ATL team and asking doubts for the next half an hour.

Some pictures of the day and late evening yesterday: