We all know that the Consulting Engineering Industry is full of professionals with great knowledge and different abilities that, when working together, can fulfill impressive projects. One of the most important characteristics about this industry, are the individuals that represent each of the companies in our industry, that FIDIC has had the capacity to organize and act all together as a strong community.

When I had the opportunity to participate in the YPMTP, I didn’t doubt it. It was an opportunity that I really wanted to experience. I didn’t know how the YPMTP will be, how many people and from where I was going to meet, but the only thing I was sure about was that it was going to be a great experience, a magnificent opportunity for networking, but moreover, an opportunity for creating friendships.

It all started with online group discussions, everyone agreeing with what the other person said, but what we were all expecting was to meet the people behind the comments, the ideas in each individual. The real experience began when we all got to Jakarta, when the group discussions began. It didn’t matter if we spent the whole day inside the meeting room, everyone had an idea and a thought that we wanted to share. Everyone wanted to say something, everyone had an experience that in some way, we could all relate to, regardless of our nationality. We had sessions of pure learning that all ended up being presented in the Future Leaders Workshop, which basically was the reflection of all the work we did together during the whole program.

For me, the YPMTP has been a great experience that I would gladly repeat over and over. The friends made, the mentors, the knowledge sharing and the community that we formed is something that is very difficult to find in other places. It was an experience that has helped me to grow in both, personal and professional level. I think that for all of us, the YP´s participating in the 2017 YPMTP, there is still much more to do and learn, but we proved that we are ready for whatever is yet to come, and we are ready to face it as future leaders of our industry.