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My Revisit of IMS

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Early this year, I received an e-mail from Koji Tanaka Sensei asking me whether I can spend sometime at IMS for the exchange and enhancement of collaboration. Being permitted on sabbatical leave from my university, National Taiwan University, I am pleased and honored to accept the invitation as a visiting professor at IMS from Sept. to Dec. 2008.

Japan is the most familiar country to me. My parents had been in Japan for thirty years (1975~2005). I visited Japan several times in one year and travelled extensively from Hokkaido to Kyushu. Okazaki is also a meaningful place to me. I spent my second sabbatical at IMS seventeen years ago (1991) and had an enjoyable time. It is a good opportunity to refresh my memory this time. Actually, Okazaki doesn't change much.

The city expands and big shopping malls are opened.

Institute for Molecular Science (IMS) is one of the five inter-university research institutes which belong to the National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS). The aim of research at IMS is to investigate fundamental properties of molecular and molecular assemblies through both experimental and theoretical methods. Since its inception in 1975, IMS becomes a leading research institute in Japan and has made its facilities and resources available to universities in Japan and even to the international scientific communities. Now a day, many outstanding professors at the universities had been working in IMS for a period. IMS is an active manpower pool in Japan. But entering to 21st century, due to the privatization of the universities and

research institutes and the promotion of Center of Excellence programs (21st COE & G-COE), IMS has some difficulties to maintain its uniqueness and diversity, e.g. the low number of students in IMS is the disadvantage for competing the COE programs with universities. There is no obvious solution at this moment

Finally, I like to take this opportunity to thank my host, Prof Koji Tanaka, his group members and the staffs in IMS for their warm hospitality. I will remember the delicious meals "unagi don-buri" & "tempura udon". Thank you!