

外国人研究者の 印象記

Japan Diary

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Butterfly's are known to have a short life. But, for me, length of a life is up to how much you reach your aims in this period. If a butterfly fulfill its mission and die; it means it has a long life.

According to my life; I have an aim to satisfy myself with science. I was always interested in Synchrotron light based researches on electronic structure of materials. However, there is no synchrotron facility in my country yet. So I have to sent proposals to synchrotron labs abroad and if they approve my proposal I can get beamtimes. In such an occasion, I met Prof. Youichi Murakami (his field of study was parallel to mine.) from KEK who told me that I can also use Japan Synchrotron facilities. After the conversation with Prof. Murakami, I began to think about a scientific visit to Japan. Japan synchrotron facilities were attracting my attention. I applied and offered a research grant from Turkish Science Council in 2010. Japan was my first choice in order to meet Japanese scientist and Japanese culture. The grant had provided me a nice opportunity to make my wishes come true.

Kimura Group at UVSOR-IMS was serving an elusive chance for both to upgrade my synchrotron based experimental experience/skills and a new technique, ARPES, for my future researches. I am really so grateful to Kimura Sensei accepting me in his group as visiting Scientist. Before arriving to Japan, Kimura Sensei had advised me to learn some Japanese daily life vocabulary/sentences, and so I tried. I learned how to read Hiragana and a little bit Katakana. I was supposing that I can read and understand Japanese daily conversation. However, when I arrived to Japan in December 2010, at the Chubu airport,

I realized that I could neither read Japanese nor understand. It was a big disappointment and I met with KANJI!!! Nihongo wa Muzukashi desu!!!

In my first days in Okazaki, I intended to discover the city, but mostly lost my way. Thank God NINS campus is located at a peak of a hill so it can guide me to find my way. Okazaki is a nice and historical place where Tokugawa Iyaesu, the founder and first shogun of the Tokugawa shogunate of Japan, was born. At weekends, I enjoyed so much with cultural visits to shrines and temples. Especially in spring weekends, if you wander in Okazaki on Sunday's, you probably can meet a festival where you may find cultural events and spend nice times. I participate in two of them, The Iyaesu Parade, as a Samurai, and Shinmeigu Festival where I pulled a wooden carriage. You can breath the cultural heritage in Okazaki.

I need so many pages to write my IMS impressions but I am limited with one page. Opportunities provided for scientist and students at NINS-IMS is great. So many facilities for delicate research studies, hardworking, helpful and kind staff motivates you in studies. Departments for guiding foreigners at IMS makes you feel secure in Japan. I am so thankful to Kimura group members (and UVSOR staff) for their thoughtfulness, kindness in my upgrading/learning period at IMS. I am so grateful to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shin-ichi Kimura for being here.