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1. 「環境科学院での経験から」
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環境科学院では、専門的な知識をもちながら学外・社会とつながる研究や活動がしたいと思ひ、研究地を当時 JR 北海道が運営していた温泉や、夕張の観光ホテルの温泉でデータ収集や測定をさせて頂きました。小さな事ですが、その研究結果は温泉施設でのポスター掲示や新聞へ掲載していただく事ができ、社会とのつながりを感じた経験でした。また、在学中には学外の環境関連施設の見学会を自分で企画する機会があり、ほぼ 1 人で内容検討から広報、当日の進行まで行いました。この一連の流れを、特に学外の場にて自分で出来た達成感が今の仕事を進める自信と推進力につながっています。

現在、北海道再生可能エネルギー振興機構にて、地球温暖化防止や地域の活性化に資する再生可能エネルギーの普及支援活動を行っており、北海道に豊富にある資源を活かしたエネルギー循環を地域に広げたいと取り組んでいます。指導教員の藤井賢彦先生をはじめ、環境科学院の先生方を通じて築いた人脈のおかげで今のお仕事をさせて頂いており、私にとって大変貴重な学生生活を送る事が出来ました。

大学・大学院は自分次第で様々な経験が出来ると思います。是非この環境を活かし積極的に挑戦してください。

2. "GSES- The Shaper of Environmental Scientists"
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In a snowy afternoon 8 years back, I entered into the Graduate School of Environmental Science (GSES), Hokkaido University for the first time, and started a terrific journey with new hope, challenges and better expectation. Now, when I reflect on my three years of PhD program in this graduate school, I conclude that the experience not only made me an environmental scientist, but also contributed in unpredictable ways for my career. Having been shaped by my graduate school, I achieved a rewarding career as a faculty member in the 2nd largest University, Jahangirnagar University in Bangladesh. I now teach both undergraduate and graduate courses, work on the thesis of my students, carry out my own researches and deem for a changing future. When I look back to find out the sources of spirit on which I am now standing on, I uncover nothing but the support and encouragement of my professors and peers who are nothing short of champions; incredibly supportive lab and lab-mates; a few awards, couple of fellowships and recognitions of my research endeavor; few internationally flavored projects implementation; a healthy research environment of this graduate school, and my best efforts. I was lucky to have an outstanding supervisor, Maasaki Kurasaki Sensei, who assisted, encouraged, pushed, challenged and nourished me till to date. I learnt to be motivated and dedicated in researches from here and in return, GSES honored me by nominating for the Matsuno award in 2016.

I do recall my PhD tenure which always seemed to me like a puzzle to solve. Only they are the winners who can solve it within the given time with perfection. Being an international student, I never felt it an easy task. To make it easygoing, one international student should do few things one after another. Firstly, to adjust with the new environment quickly; secondly, to learn Japanese language, customs, etiquette and culture sharing as much as possible; thirdly, 'determination', 'dedication' and 'hard working' the most three important things in research and finally, a good understanding and trustworthiness relation with the supervisor. If one can materialize these attributes then PhD puzzle will become water like simple. This graduate school will surely provide you the friendly and stimulating intellectual environment to cross every hurdle and to reach you in your desired height.

My experiences at GSES shape everything I do now at both Bangladesh and Japan. It was a wonderful time in my life, and the best educational experience I've had. The relationship with this graduate school brought me again here in the same platform with new identity, 'foreign researcher' in GSES and JSPS post doctoral fellow in Faculty of Health Sciences. I am looking forward to being more deepened and enriched with new knowledge, insights and a sustainable relationship with my loving graduate school.

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