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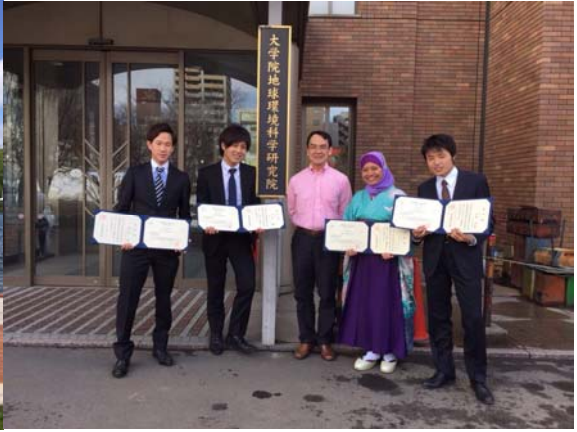
I always believe that if it is our time then it is!

I left Sapporo two years ago, but it's seems like yesterday. I visit Japan for the first time in September, 2009 when I got the scholarship from JASSO for JENESYS Program. It was Prof. Shunitz Tanaka that gave me the opportunity to be selected as one of the awardees of that program. During that program I had to join laboratory as requirement to build and sharpen my ability in research. I was introduced to Prof. Yuichi Kamiya since he works with catalyst, same as my topic during my master course in Indonesia. It was so much fun working in Kamiya laboratory even only for four months as awardee of JENESYS Program that I decided to come back as a doctoral student in Kamiya laboratory if I got the scholarship. At the same time, it was my first experience to see the changing leaves and snow. It was really beautiful and cold in Sapporo but I felt the hospitality of the people of Sapporo, especially Kamiya laboratory members.

Then in 2012, I received scholarship from the government of Republic of Indonesia and came back to Kamiya laboratory in Hokkaido as doctoral student. It was my second time, but still I got some "culture shocks" in and outside Hokudai campus. The positive "culture shocks" are like how I amazed on the dedication and passion of Japanese, how clean, precise and convenient the city is which can give a little negative "culture shocks" on the language gap and culture which created a lot of misunderstanding at first. However, I was able to manage those difficulties and challenging situations and become stronger. I was lucky to be a member of Kamiya laboratory since the other members helped me a lot with all the adaptation phase, like how to use the instruments by ourselves. I was also fortunate to meet many professors with knowledge, insights and sincerity. I was able to make friends from around the globe which I met in Hokkaido University. Also experienced the culture of Japan through the traditional Japanese dance.

Thank you for the Faculty of Environmental Science for the help and support throughout my doctoral course. Last but not least, I am forever grateful toward Prof. Kamiya who has been really supportive, encouraging, kind, patient and helpful throughout the time. Thank you so much for keeping us engaged, learning and laughing. I hope we can continue and broaden our work for collaboration in research between our institutions.

Three years at Hokkaido University have been such a joyful and rewarding time for me. Every little encounter and experience gained here in Japan has been enriching and will remain within my memories for life long. Until we meet again. Thank you...Thank you and *Terima kasih*.



環境科学院の良き文化を思い出しながら

学部4年（理学部地球科学科の卒業研究）から博士課程まで計6年間、大気海洋物理学コースに所属し、地球大気の日周期変動についての研究を行い学位を取得しました。一貫してご指導くださった藤原正智先生には本当にお世話になりました。とりわけ、学部生の頃に身近な気象観測を行うことを勧めてくださり、そのお陰で現在も続く研究テーマに巡り合えたことは幸運中の幸運でした。

北の大地でのびのびと研究に勤しめたのは、研究室での生活が非常に居心地の良いものだったからに他なりません。環境科学院では横の繋がりが非常に強く、研究室の垣根を越えた多くの仲間に恵まれ、ソフトボールにジンパ、時にはキャンプなど、学外でも楽しい時間を過ごすことができました。先生方についても然りで、例えば御近所の皆さんに手厚く面倒を見て頂いたというような感覚があります（長谷部文雄先生とは毎週晩ご飯にご一緒させていただき、色々なお話を聞かせていただいたりもしました...）。

卒業後は5年間のポストク生活を経て、御縁あって昨年度から大学教員として働いています。これまでのように自分の研究が最優先というわけにはいかず、教育というもう一本の大きな柱が加わりました。担当する演習等の準備は想像以上に大変ですが、専門外のことも含めて自分自身が勉強し直す良い機会になっています。青二才の暗中模索が続きますが、その根っこには環境科学院の良き文化・雰囲気理想形としてあります。楽しんで研究・教育を行えるよう、またそんな環境を作れるよう、今後とも日々精進したいと思います。

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