

## Joint Supervision (Research Exchange)

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### First Experience as Attachment Research Student (Ameerah Tharek, October 2018)

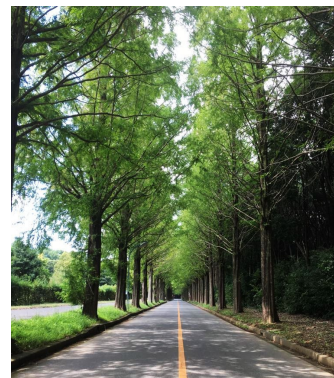
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 is the first day of my arrival in Tsukuba for the research exchange program at University of Tsukuba for seven months. I was lucky to be given this opportunity by MJIT to gain more experience through this program. My excitement could not be contained since this is my first time studying abroad. In University of Tsukuba, I am attached at School of Life and Environmental Science under Prof. Iwane Suzuki's supervision. All the lab mates in my laboratory were very helpful and kind. Immediately, I started doing the experiment during my first week by preparing the stock solution medium to maintain the growth of microalgae that I brought from Malaysia.

Every Monday we will have weekly seminars for all members in our lab to present their research progress. It is a good seminar since we could share our research progress and have good advices from sensei and other members about our research. Besides, I was also given the opportunity to join the Tsukuba Global and Science Week 2018 (TGSW2018) as presenter for CiC Students' Workshop Session which was held in Tsukuba International Conference Center, Tsukuba-shi.

Overall, I have learned how to survive in a foreign country out of reach of my parents and others whom I am familiar with. The people, the culture and the traditions of this country, are all unique. Although I couldn't speak Japanese, Japan has brought a sense of curiosity and excitement while strengthening my knowledge.



Attending CiC Students' Workshop Session during Tsukuba Global and Science Week 2018 (TGSW2018)



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