

Joint Supervision (Research Exchange)

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Academic Experience (Hengky Kurniawan Salim, May – August 2017)

During my study abroad at the University of Tsukuba I was enrolled in the Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences under the supervision of Assoc. Prof. Naoko Kaida. I am currently working on a research to identify implementing factors of environmental management system towards a Master of Philosophy degree. I came to Tsukuba during Spring and Summer which was a perfect time for me. The environment of the research lab and my colleagues are really supportive and helpful.

Every Monday our laboratory will have a meeting and discussion with the supervisor. Normally regarding our research progress and reviewing literatures related to our study. Personally speaking, this activities is really helpful to build students research capability and increase their confidences in public speaking. My daily activities are to analyse my research data and writing journal articles. I was fortunate enough as Dr. Kaida has been really helpful with enhancing my data analysis.

Personal Experience

This is the first time I visited Japan and it was an unforgettable experience. The weather, foods, and the environment in Tsukuba, and possibly elsewhere in Japan, are just wonderful. I lived in Ichinoya dormitory which is located in the north part of the campus and it is only a short 15 minutes walk to my laboratory. I was very thankful that the facilities are beyond my expectation. It was really spacious and the room is en-suited with a cooking stove just across my bedroom.

Tsukuba is a perfect place to study as it is located around 60 km from Tokyo. You are far from any distraction that a metropolitan city has to offer. The close proximity with Tokyo means that you still can enjoy entertainment, fine dining, and nightlife during weekend. I also got the chance to climb Mount Fuji by the end of my study which is the biggest personal experience of my life.



Photos : Left: Dai-san area mae, University of Tsukuba.



Right: Mt. Fuji summit, Tokyo.