Between Awesome Sakura and A Farewell…(Aesyah binti Abang Kassim, January – June, 2015)

Konnichiwa! Hello there! April has come and now is the best time where sakura is blooming everywhere! Not only sakura, another flower also blooming. It was so beautiful and we are so lucky to get this chance! I hope all of you could join me viewing the trees transformed from ‘bald’ into ‘flowery’ trees. But, I wonder why the flower bloom first before the leaves!

Jump out from our topic, last week, our lab member held farewell party for Ayako Kanazawa, Watanabe-san and Luu-san which graduated this year. We celebrated our farewell party at Irori restaurant or also known as Izakaya (traditional Japanese bar). We talked happily and ate a lot of sashimi (raw salmon and tuna). I like salmon a lot, so eating raw salmon is not a problem to me, the same like eating tuna. By end of March our friend, Wan Nur Khairunnisa ended her attachment and leaving back to Malaysia. We gathered at ‘halal’ Jewel India restaurant in University. It was much fun as we met with other Malaysian students studying here. The restaurant provides multiple choices of curry food and it was so ‘oishii.’

Speaking of the progress of my research, still I’m trying harder to detect geoA genes from isolated bacteria Streptomyces Coelicolor A3 (2) and still experimenting to achieve a good result. At this moment, I’m figuring out how to get the result under Utsumi sensei’s guidance and Lee-san’s assistance. That’s all for now and see you in my next article!

(a) Picture shows Luu san (standing) giving his speech during farewell party at Irori restaurant.
(b) Farewell party at Jewel India for Wan Khairunnisa and (c) the blooming sakura in campus