

Joint Supervision

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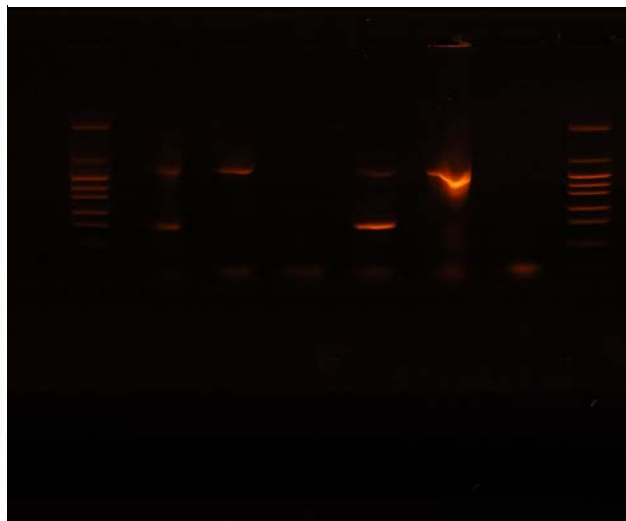
It's Fun. It's Miracle...(Aeyshah Abang Kassim, January – June, 2015)

Mina-san, konnichiwa! Now is April and that means the starting fiscal year for Japan. This is fun time because I could see crowded people everywhere and the most exciting is me and my friends experienced traffic jammed which is caused not by car but by bicycle. Haha! Cycling is very popular in Japan. Japanese people like to cycle to almost every place such as to classes, 'supa' or 'depaato' and it is the healthiest way to do so. Spring is going to be over and summer is coming. I started to feel 'atsui' (hot) here and it's going to be hotter than Malaysia.

Currently, my research progressed to the second objective which is detection of *geosmin A* genes (*geoA* genes) from *actinomyces* strains that I already isolated from Batu Dam, Selangor, Malaysia. There were many reports that *geoA* gene is the genes responsible for *geosmin* production from *actinomyces*. And finally, I got good result for my gel experiments and it feel like a miracle because I already tried several times which produce nothing. This band is important to show that whether the strains from the dam have the possibility to produce *geosmin* or not.



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(a) Picture shows huge number of bicycles parked at International Community Centre, University of Tsukuba.

(b) Picture shows gel *electrophoresis* band for *geoA* genes for my sample.