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Konnichiwa minna-san,

June (*roku gatsu*) signalled my third month in Tsukuba. I still have plenty of experimental works to do. But, I will try and grab a chance to enjoy my short-stint in Japan whenever I have free time, even though the prime goal of coming here is for us to conduct research under the supervision of expert academicians in University of Tsukuba. In terms of weather in June, if you ask the local people (*Nihonjin*), June is the last month that anyone will recommend for visiting Japan. This is due to rainy season, (local known as *tsuyu* or *baiyu*) and this natural phenomenon usually occurred in early of summer season in Japan.

Last week, my friends and I went to Ueno Zoo, located in Ueno Park to see the main animal attraction there, which is the giant Panda. There are three cute Panda originated from China in this zoo. Besides Panda, there are other animals from all around the world such as the Indian elephant, tiger, polar bear and many more. It was very exciting, and kind of flashback that remembering my first time visiting National Zoo in Malaysia when I was just six-years old.

Other than that, later this month, all moslems around the world will start their daylight 'fasting' during holy *Ramadhan* (month) which expected to begin on Thursday, 18th June. This year will be my first time fasting far away from Malaysia. I hope everything will go well.



Photo 1: Visitors queuing to buy the entrance ticket.



Photo 2: One of the Panda leaning against a tree while eating bamboo.