Enjoying Kyoto and Kobe…. (Aeyshah Abang Kassim, January – June, 2015)

I am going back soon and already feeling sad to leave Japan. Memories and experiences in Japan shall remain and not forgotten. Indeed, the most unforgettable are the kindness of lab members that always help me during my needs. I would like to give appreciation to University of Tsukuba and especially to Prof Motoo Utsumi for accepting me to do the experiment and experiencing different lab atmosphere here.

So before I say ‘sayonara’ Japan, I and my friends decided to have a short trip and explore the beautiful scenery of Japan. We went to Kyoto, Osaka and Kobe for 4 days and 3 night. We visited several famous places such as Kinkuji Temple. This temple is so beautiful because it is made up from gold. We visited few places in Kyoto and another day we spend at Kobe. We also went to the Natural Disaster Prevention at Kobe. Here, we watch the video which shows us the biggest earthquake in Japan, occurred on 17 January 1995, at 5.46 am with a magnitude of 7.2 richter scale. Despite of, it occurs for only 20 seconds, this earthquake makes Shin Kobe destruction until loss of life of more than 6,000 deaths and over 30,000 injuries. They together destroyed over 150,000 buildings and left about 300,000 people homeless.

(a) Pictures of us with Kinkakuji Temple From left: me, Amira, Tasbiyah, Danial
(b) Picture of me in front of Natural Disaster Prevention building at Kobe