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Minna-san, *Assalamualaikum w.b.r.t.*

July (*sichigatsu*) marked as my fourth month living in Tsukuba, Japan. The fact is I am still surviving even though fasting for almost 15 hours in holy *Ramadhan*. *Alhamdulillah*. We (Moslem students) are fasting as usual and perform *Tarawikh* prayer at Tsukuba Mosque. The best part is we were riding on our bicycle to the mosque for almost every night which I intend to carry on until the end of Ramadhan. Although my friends and me were busy doing a routine research experiments in the laboratory, but we still prepared our dishes together for *iftar* (break fasting) in the pantry at Utsumi-sensei's laboratory. Sometimes, we also invited Japanese friends to eat with us during *iftar* and shared some foods with them.

On 26th June, I had my first stage evaluation for my research study. My supervisor, Dr. Pramila Tamunaidu (from MJIT) has come here to evaluate my proposal and progress of research for the past four months together with Prof. Zhenya Zhang, Prof. Norio Sugiura, Assoc. Prof. Yo Innan and Assoc. Prof. Motoo Utsumi as my examiners. Comments and advises from all *sensei* are highly appreciated to make my research better.

After the session ended, Prof Norio Sugiura has invited all *sensei* including my friends and me to have a dinner together in classic Japanese Sushi Restaurant in Tsukuba Center. We were served with a set of variety raw sushi and also tempura. Thank you so much Sugiura-sensei for the treat.



Photo 1: Group photo after finished our dinner.



Photo 2: Some of our dishes for *iftar* during *Ramadhan*