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***Hari Raya Aidilfitri* in Tsukuba (Mohd Danial Muhd Ali, March – August, 2015)**

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After a month of fasting in *Ramadhan* now it is time to celebrate in *Syawal* month. So last two weeks, my friends and me celebrated *Eid Mubarak (Hari Raya Aidilfitri)* together in this season before they were leaving Japan on the third day of *Syawal*. Although, we celebrated this *Hari Raya Aidilfitri* far away from our family and closed relatives, the spirit are still bright as ever. On the night before *Hari Raya Aidilfitri*, we managed to cook *Hari Raya* dishes together such as *ketupat nasi*, *kuah kacang* and *rendang ayam* with limited cooking ingredients. That night was a very momerable moment for all of us.

Besides that, summer is also known as a fireworks (*Hanabi*) seasons in Japan. My lab-mate and me went to Sumida River in Asakusa, Tokyo to watch the fireworks show last Saturday. The show takes about one and a half hour and we saw many shapes and fascinating colours of fireworks in the sky. This was my first *hanabi* show in Japan and we enjoyed ourself there very much.

Next, we have already ended our weekly group seminar last Thursday as summer holiday will begin on August till September. On that night, we had a summer party in Chinese restaurant with all *sensei* and fellow members to celebrate students that will finished their study here including me. Our *sensei*, Prof Dr Zhang Zhenya remind us to keep working hard on our research, because there is no such thing as 'holiday' for graduate students. I got another one month to complete my research work before leaving in the end of August this year. Hoping that I managed to finish my research work as planned.



Photo 1: Group photo of our *Hari Raya* memory in University of Tsukuba



Photo 2: Some of our dishes during summer party