

## Joint Supervision Programme

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### Hope and ambition to study in University of Tsukuba (Huynh Minh Nhat, Sept – Nov. 2015)

Back to 2 years ago, I was introduced to MJIIT UTM by Dr. Rory Padfield who is now my supervisor. In the very beginning, I was proud of myself that I am one of chosen ASEAN students by JALF scholarship to study Master for 2 years in Malaysia. In addition, one of the most interesting part of this scholarship, in my opinion, is that we are allowed to do attachment in Japan, one of the most developed country in the world in terms of education and technology. Furthermore, I myself am very interested in Japanese culture. To be honest, having a chance to study in Japan is never easy, but it is always a dream to me. And that dream came true. I still remembered clearly about the day I attended MJJIC-JUC Joint International Symposium 2014 in our university in which I had a precious chance meeting up with Iwane Suzuki sensei one of the excellent professor from University of Tsukuba. After the meeting and further discussion though emails, I was approved by Suzuki sensei to visit his laboratory in University of Tsukuba in order to gain lab-work experience and learn practical techniques in relation to my current research in the field of Environmental Engineering. Overcame all the problems during the application, finally I achieved my dream on the first day of September 2015 when I came to Tsukuba University for 3 months joint supervision exchange.

As a newcomer, I need a lot of good advice and guidance because I have not only encountered cultural differences, but a lot of difference in the study style as well. Suzuki sensei's great advice and the hospitality of Japanese friends here in the lab are exactly essential things that can fulfill these needs, and help to get me used to the new study environment. With excellent supervision from Suzuki sensei and help from friendly Japanese students, it greatly help me not only fulfill my project by exchanging knowledge, ideas and experience, but also expand my knowledge of the scientific world. Being accepted as a part of school of Life and Environmental Science will assure my Mater success and more importantly, it would give me a head-start towards my goals in life. I hope that I will come back one day and continue to further my study here.

