

My life in Japan

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I'm from Bangladesh. Since many top level dentists of my country completed their higher degree from Japan, I had a great desire to come here and study. Japan is very developed country in many branches of science and technology including dentistry and I will be able to learn much new knowledge from here. I'm very thankful to God that he gave me chance study in a good University like Niigata University.

Why did I select Niigata University—

I was awarded “Monbukagakusho scholarship” in 2008; it was like a dream come true. It is very hard to get such scholarship in Bangladesh, so I was very happy. After getting the scholarship I could choose any University in Japan and I have selected Niigata University.

Professor Uoshima sensei's acceptance and many Bangladeshi friends in Niigata helped me to take that decision. I wanted to stay in such a city which is not so busy but beautiful. I think in that regards, Niigata was a great choice. I've arrived at Narita airport in April 2009 and it was a nice morning. On the same day I came to

Niigata by Shinkansen.

Actually I'm very thankful to Uoshima sensei and Akiba sensei for their kind guidance in completing my research. This is like a family and being a member of Bio-prosthetic department, I feel proud and honored.

My life in Japan—

It has been almost 3 and half years since I came in Japan. I'm enjoying my daily life a lot and visited many places inside and outside Niigata; for example, Sasagawa Nagare, Tokyo disney land, Nagaoka, and Nagano. As I'm the General Secretary of International Student Association in Niigata University (ISAN), I visited in Kobe University and Kyoto University as a representative of our University. In 2011, I've awarded as “Best Oral Presenter” in Japan Prosthodontic Society Meeting.

Most interesting thing about Niigata is its all time changing weather. It changes so rapidly that it is very hard to predict. As I'm from a summer country, while I pass a winter here, it is very cold for me. But all my miseries vanish when I see beautiful snow falling. Still I can remember that night – when I saw first snow falling I was walking on the street for more

than 3 hours and watching snow falling all around me. All of sudden all the areas become white. It was so nice experience. I went to a ski trip in Tsunanmachi. That trip was very exciting and challenging for me because I have never done it before and I didn't know anything about how to do skiing. But within 2 hours I learned and was able to do ski from top of the big mountain to its foot. That was such kind of thrilling experience I've never felt before. I've attended some festivals in Niigata like Niigata matsuri, Hanami, Hanabi etc. I did dance over Bandai Bridge wearing Yukata, watched and enjoyed Hanabi. I think Cherry blossom festival (Hanami) is one of the best festivals in Japan. White and pink Sakura flower blooms for very short period but keeps impression in mind for rest of the year. Another enjoyable activity is B.B.Q at beach during summer. Though summer is hot and humid but I enjoy a lot throughout the



Hanami in Niigata

summer.

At last I must say that I'm very happy by watching the politeness and generosity of Japanese people. Wherever I go in Japan, I see people are very helpful and well-behaved. I think this virtue makes this nation very unique from rest of the world. As a graduate student I'm going to finish my course soon. I hope with the grace of God and support of all the members of my department, I will be able to complete my research successfully...bye.



クラス忘年会

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これは2012年最後の実習日となった、12月21日のクラス忘年会での1枚です。この日の忘年会は出席率ほぼ100%という5年目にして最高の出席率を記録し、ある人は飲み始めからハイテンション、ある人は何故か万代橋を渡り、ある人はコート及び鞆を持たずに帰るといふ、なんでもありのとても楽しい会となりました。実習が始まったばかりでみんな疲れが溜まっていたようです。そんな中、私たちバスケ部4人はちゃっかりメのラーメンへ。大学入学当初は考えられなかったですが、5年も経つとすっかり親父化するものですね(笑)。今年はいよいよ学生最後の1年になってしまうので、メリハリをつけて実りある素敵な1年にしたいと思います。

