

Voice of the Participants

Oceanography and Data Processing for 2001--JAPAN



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This is my first time to visit Japan, country of varieties, where I had never thought that I would have chance to spend life here for 4 months. Before I came here I was worried a bit about difficulties I might face. They were not only the training course, Oceanography and Data Processing that is pretty new for me but also the language since I could not speak Japanese at all. But after I have been here for while I have realized that those problems are not as big as I thought. Generally Japanese people are friendly and kind. Although sometimes the language is still a problem but mostly we can communicate and try to understand to each other. Regarding the course, I have been taught by experienced instructors in varieties of subjects.



Even some of them are difficult but they are

also very interesting. I study new things everyday. Furthermore the sea observations by survey vessel "Kaiyo" were really great. The knowledges I have gained will be very useful for my work and organization when I come back to Thailand. During study trips I had chances to travel to many historical and interesting places around Japan while even Japanese people themselves rarely do and learnt their beautiful culture.



Besides, staying at Tokyo International

Centre (TIC) let me have many new friends around the world and experience many cultures and activities, which make me really enjoyable. Gradually I feel like staying home. Those experiences I have faced in Japan are valuable. I usually tell myself that I am so lucky to be here. Thank you very much to JICA for giving me such a great opportunity, to the officers of Hydrographic Department, Japan Coast Guard, and also my course

coordinator for taking good care during 4 months long. Thank you my course mates for cooperation and being good friends and good supporters. Lastly I do hope that I would have chance to come back "home" again in the future. Sayonara

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This training course, Oceanography and Data Processing, is a big help for my work. I have learned the basic principles behind tidal and current observations and processing. The lectures and practical training are good and interesting. Various instruments that were introduced to us were very remarkable and useful. I was formally assigned to a survey vessel doing navigation works. I had little idea about tidal analysis before, although I had done some tidal and current observation work. The lectures and practical training about tidal and current observation and analysis helps me understand and appreciate it better.



Other subjects were also very useful for

my work; remote sensing, GIS, basic oceanography, study of waves and tsunami, and others. With this, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all the personnel involved with this training course, including all our instructors and especially our coordinator for his kindness.

This training also helps me learn more about this country, Japan. Their cultures are excellent and admirable. I highly appreciate their politeness and hospitality. I had seen most of its historical places like shrines and castles, and I extremely admire them.

