

## Farewell Party Report, 2014



*(Reported by N.T.Quan)*

Every March is the end of the study period of someone in our laboratory of Landscape Ecology, IDEC, Hiroshima University. We usually organize a farewell party for graduating students. This time we also had a very important guest, Prof. Jongman who came to our lab three months ago. The party was held on Sunday, 23rd of March, 2014 in the salon room No. 2, located under the canteen in front of IDEC, Hiroshima University.

There were 6 students who were going to graduate. One of the PhD students was Diep Quynh Nhu. She came from Vietnam, and while she was an IDEC student, she had been also working for a company in Tokyo to financially support her study in Hiroshima. She is really a sociable and smart woman. The other person is Ida, a PhD student and came from Indonesia. She was always very kind and usually helped everybody in our Lab. The third PhD student was Rachmad Firdaus. He is also an Indonesian always with a warm smile on his face and always friendly with other students in the Lab as well as in IDEC. The other one was a Master student, Daisuke Horii. He is a really active man and intelligent student. He told me before, that he would like to get a job after finishing his master course in IDEC, Hiroshima University, and actually he found a very good position at one excellent company.

Unfortunately, 2 more graduating students, Mr. Rempei MATSUWAKA and a Chinese research student LI Yang, could not attend the farewell party, but we also prepared gifts for them.

Attendees of this party were our Sensei - Prof. Nabukazu Nakagoshi with his wife, Naomi-san, and Assoc. Prof. Tran Dang Xuan. Besides them, most of other students in Nakagoshi & Xuan Lab attended the farewell party, they are Zarif, Mike, Beni, Toan, Udin, Guntur, Bandos, Ariadi and me. Unfortunately, Dek was back home in Cambodia so he could not join the party with us.

Lastly but not the least, invited persons were Prof. Robert H.G. Jongman and his wife, Annet. This farewell party was organized for Prof. Jongman as well. Prof. Jongman was an Invited Professor of IDEC and joined our lab from January, 2014. He gave us very interesting lectures on Landscape Ecology. He is one of the prominent researchers in Landscape Ecology. He came from Wageningen University in Netherlands.

At 16:00, we gathered in the hall under the canteen in front of IDEC and then, the party was started. Most of the foods were sweets, candies, biscuits and cakes. There were also fruits

and small tomatoes. The party also provided some soft drinks such as apple juice, Oolong tea, soda, coffee, etc.

As a moderator, Beni, a PhD student performed an MC and explained about the steps of the party. Firstly, we opened the party with Japanese way “Kampai”. Then we enjoyed foods and spoke to each other. The next step was to convey the message and impression by graduating students. After that, Senseis also gave useful advices for all students. Nakagoshi sensei, Xuan sensei and Prof. Jongman alternately stood up to deliver a speech about their appreciation to the party and gave some orientations for graduating students. To remember us and express our thankfulness to Prof. Jongman (who was going back to the Netherlands), some memorable souvenirs were given to him and his wife. We also prepared a Signature Board with everyone’s names and messages for the people leaving us. Nakagoshi sensei gave these souvenirs to all the graduating students too. Naomi san also gave some additional gifts to graduated students. As the end of the party, we took some pictures together. The first picture was a special picture of senseis with graduated students while the others were group pictures of all students out side the hall.



**From left: Ida, Rachmad, Annet (behind Annet is our Professor NAKAGOSHI) is Prof. Jongman’s wife, Prof. Jongman, Nhu and Daisuke**

Finally, we hope that Prof. Jongman and his wife will start their new life back in the Netherlands peacefully, and hope all graduated students would have a successful life in the future. We also hope we can continue our friendship forever. We always miss you, Congratulations, our friends and Professor Jongman!

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