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New Semester and New Students Welcome Party

Hello everyone. On the 9th of April 2016, we had a Home party. We met with the new students from different countries at Saijo Station and started our journey from there. All of us were in a very good mood and excited for the party in our Professor's house. The white clouds in the sky were swimming smoothly and gracefully and the sun was shining with smile on its face. Indeed, the weather was very nice and just perfect for a get-together fun.



When we arrived at our destination, Professor Nakagoshi and his wife Ms. Naomi met us with their sweetest smile. With excitement on, we immediately started to prepare for the party; tables and chairs, griller and charcoal for the barbecue and some drinks. When you do something with your friends, you never feel bored and tired. We really had fun



preparing. While doing so, we talked with the new students about how they feel being new in Japan and in Saijo. We let them share their experiences and what amazes them about Japan. Also, we had short self introduction as an ice breaker for better conversation between new and old members of our laboratories. The barbecue set was placed outside in the garden surrounded with different species of trees. When charcoal was ready, we started cooking. The aroma of meat (Halal chicken and beef so everybody, including Muslim students could eat) being cooked made us all crave for more.





Inside the house, another group was also cooking Japanese traditional food like tempura, sweet rice cake and egg rolls. There were lots of delicious food and beverages served. We also had games and funny competitions. I was the winner in one of the parlor games and I got lucky to write this report. The game was like a lottery and I am the luckiest one! After we had finished the tasty barbeque, we made



hamburger with salad and ham. It was also amazingly good.

After all the eating, we cleaned all tables and prepared for another fun competition which was organized by Professor Nakagoshi. First, we had to do “jan-ken” or the rock-paper-scissors game to decide who would start taking the lucky number. After getting a number one by one, we chose any present from a table with the corresponding number. The presents were prepared by Nakagoshi family.



Afterwards, we had coffee while sitting lazily in circle on the floor inside a big hall room. The professors gave us pieces of advice about how we could continue with our studies and how to be prepared for all academic challenges. Finally, when the party was finished we had our group photo.

Thanks to the professors and to everybody who made this wonderful party happened! It's a good memory for all of us to cherish.

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