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### OUR FIRST SPRING ACTIVITY

We went to a mountainous area near Hiroshima international airport to help harvesting some grasses that are decreasing the growth temp of some plants species. In that activity were Mr. Nobukazu, Mr. Rachmad, Mr. Guntur, Mr, Timur, Mr. Ziyavuddin, my wife Mrs. Nigora and I. Our professor, Mr. Nobukazu Nakagoshi, taught us how to harvest and remove grasses which interfere some flowers from growing. There were a lot of people who came to help as well as show their ability on harvesting machines. Unfortunately, we cannot use that harvesting machines due to safety concerns mentioned by our professor. Our activity started at 9-00am on March 29; during our activity, we heard from our Japanese friends a lot of about their trips to some Asian countries. It was almost afternoon when we finished our harvesting activities. After that, our professor Nobukazu Nakagoshi had to regretfully leave us to attend to some urgent work he needed to do immediately. Our Japanese friends then invited us to drink a cup of tea in tea ceremony with cake on tatami. It was also my first time to experience a tea ceremony. The wonderful day did not end there: we went to a beautiful Japanese garden. Aside from this, we saw a lot of colourful fishes, three kinds of bridges: wooden, soiled, and stoned. And very special trees. We took a lot of pictures some of which I will show later.

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