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Report of Welcome Party (on Oct. 6th, 2013)



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The second semester of the academic year in Hiroshima University begins in October and ends in February of the following year. This year, eight new students have joined the lab supervised by Prof. Nobugazu NAKAGOSHI & Asso. Prof. TRAN Dang Xuan (NX lab).

A party was organized to welcome the new students. It was celebrated last October 6, 2013 at Prof. Nakagoshi's house. It was a Sunday so all the lab members (professors and students) and their families were invited. The participants travelled to the party venue by themselves. Some came by train and bus while others by car. The party started at 12:30pm once every one arrived.

Prof. Nakagoshi gave a short speech to open the party. He welcomed everyone with the Japanese word "Kampai". Then, the new students were requested to introduce themselves in order everyone get to know each other. They were:

- 1- Mr. Ros Bandos, from Cambodia
- 2- Mr. Nguyen Phu Toan, from Vietnam
- 3- Mr. Nguyen Thanh Quan, from Vietnam
- 4- Mr. Ariadi, from Indonesia
- 5- Mr. Guntur, from Indonesia
- 6- Mr. Aminov Zarif, from Uzbekistan
- 7- Mr. Alikulov Khusniddin Zarifovich, from Uzbekistan
- 8- Mr. Tegegne Wondowossen Anteneh, from Ethiopia



After that, Mrs. Naomi Nakagoshi, Prof. Nakagoshi's wife, explained the mechanics of the party. All were asked to be involved in the different activities such as the barbecue, vegetable preparation, and Vietnamese and Japanese food cooking. Everyone enjoyed tasting different delicious foods such as grilled Halal meats, Vietnamese food and Japanese food. Alcoholic drinks and other refreshments such as beer, wine, sake (Japanese wine), coffee, coke, orange juice were also available.



Towards the end of the party, all were invited to play the Bingo. Rachmad provided the instructions and facilitated the game. Those who received a piece of paper had to draw a table with 5 columns and 5 rows. They wrote any number from 1 to 75 on each box. One lab member was requested to draw and check the numbers. The first player who was able to create a block of five boxes was declared the winner. There were 16 prizes for adult players and 4 prizes for children players. The prizes were prepared by Prof. and Mrs. Nakagoshi. Everyone got a prize.



It was an enjoyable and unforgettable party. Everyone learned about each other's culture and experiences of studying and living in Japan. The senior lab members also had the opportunity to build a relationship with the new comers and all the students spent time with their professors.

A group photo session was done at the end of the party. The guests went home at 4:40pm.



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