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Welcome party for newcomers to the Nakagoshi, Xuan and Ishihara laboratory

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Introduction

As a tradition of the NIX laboratory, Prof. Nakagoshi regularly organizes welcome parties for newcomers of the NIX laboratory at the Graduate School for International Development and Cooperation in Hiroshima University. It is always a fun-filled event at which newcomers have an opportunity to interact with the seniors.

Date: October 4th 2014. **Time:** 10 AM – 3 PM.

Venue: Professor Nakagoshi's house.

Participants

In this welcome party, Prof. Nakagoshi has invited the 11 newcomers and the rest of the laboratory members, together with Associate Professor Tran Dang Xuan and his family, a new Associate Professor Ms. Ishihara Masae and her family.



Welcome party flow

As instructed by Assistant Professor Rachmad Firdau, we gathered at Saijo station in Higashi-hiroshima city at 9:10 AM, and then moved towards Professor Nakagoshi's house. The appointed period of the party was from 10:00 AM to 03:00PM. Prof. Nakagoshi and his wife Ms. Naomi Nakagoshi warmly welcomed us into their house.

Before starting the party, all of us prepared braziers and tables for the food. We also hanged colorful flags of several countries, such as Japan, China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Laos and others in front of the house as a friendly welcome.



While preparing for the party, Professor Nakagoshi introduced some plants which he grows in their garden, a small but interesting representation of ecosystem. He also showed us the system of conversion of household organic wastes into useful fertilizer.

At 12:00 PM, Professor Nakagoshi gave a speech for our event where he welcomed the newcomers as an new part of NIX laboratory. It was then followed by the newcomers introducing themselves. This semester, our laboratory welcomed a new Associate Professor, Dr. Masae Ishihara, that was why our laboratory changed name from N&X laboratory into NIX laboratory, and 11 new students Do Tan Khan (Vietnamese), Tran Anh Duc (Vietnamese), Nguyen Van Quan (Vietnamese), Phung Thi Tuyen (Vietnamese), Shamsiddinov Ziyavuddin (Uzbek), Seytnazarov Timur (Uzbeki), Rakhmanov Aziz (Uzbek), Vannasy Moukmany (Laotian), Lu FeiFei (Chinese), Tatsukawa Akane (Japanese) and Naqib Ahmad Fakoori (Afghan). After getting to know each of the newcomer students, we indulged ourselves in tasting different foods.



During the party, Ms. Naomi Nakagoshi introduced to us two games, Sudoku and drawing on the pine nuts. Most of students had experienced playing Sudoku and some people enjoyed drawing interesting faces on the pine nuts. The most interesting point of welcome party was the gift giving. Professor Nakagoshi and his wife presented some gifts to the participants (clock, bag, book, DVD and others).



Afterwards, Professor Nakagoshi announced a closing session for the welcome party and gave information about a bus's departure timing from the nearest point to our destination.

Result

On behalf of our laboratory members, we cordially thank Prof. Nakagoshi and his wife Ms. Naomi Nakagoshi for making the welcome party a success that was held on Saturday, October 4th, 2014 in their house. The attendance was satisfactory. The introductions and speeches were great from the old and new members. Everybody was excited to be in this party. There were delicious food and drinks for this party for all the participants. The best thing was the nice lunch and the opportunity to speak English with our old and new friends.

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