

Research stay at Prof. Watanabe's laboratory, ICR, Kyoto University

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Thanks to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between School of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Seoul National University (SNU) and Institute for Chemical Research (ICR), Kyoto University since March 2006, I had a great opportunity to advance and solidify my rheological background during my short stay in ICR over this summer.

I must mention that this short-term visit to ICR undoubtedly put myself into a position to better understand dynamics of graphene sheets under a strong electric field in a highly viscous polymer melt. This would have never been achieved without comments and guidance from Prof. Watanabe, which had been always valuable and constructive in many perspectives. During the stay, I was also able to learn how to think and write in more logical and scientific manners, which would be great foundation to pursue my PhD study back in SNU.

During my stay, I was very fortunate to participate in the 17th International Congress on Rheology in Kyoto, which was successfully organized and held by Prof. Watanabe, a chair of the organizing committee for the conference. Exchanging ideas and information with other rheologists from all over the world during the conference helped me to deepen my understanding about rheology.

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