

Short-Term International Student Exchange Program (27/05/2013 – 20/07/2013)

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As a short-term international student I spent 8 weeks in Prof. Nakamura's group at the Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University. This is a precious experience for me to explore iron catalyzed cross-coupling reaction, the frontier of modern chemistry.

Prof. Nakamura's group is well experienced in iron catalyzed cross-coupling reaction. During my stay, I had performed a series of reactions for the synthesis of aryl C-nucleoside. The study of mechanism and stereoselectivity that we had covered provided some insights for further development in this field of research.

Prof. Nakamura and all the lab members are kind and helpful. The discussions between us were always inspiring and everyone in the laboratory gave me a lot of assistance for the experiments.

Besides the experiments and research, the baseball competition, tennis competition and the tug of war competition in ICR also provided me a chance to know more about the local culture as well as cooperate with other lab members. The life in ICR is definitely interesting and all the moments were enjoyable.

The life in Kyoto was also memorable. I spent several weekends to visit the city and went to different temples and castles. The histories of these buildings are interesting. The museums also show me a very attractive Kyoto. I could experience the traditional Japanese culture everywhere in the city. This trip encouraged me to learn more about the Japanese history and culture.

I would like to express my gratitude to Prof. Nakamura, his lab member and the ICR for the precious chance of the exchange program. They helped me to adapt the live in Kyoto and gave me an excellent time in the city. Hope everyone a fruitful research.

