

Tour report for short term stay between January 23 to March 20, 2020 at Institute for Chemical Research, Kyoto University, Japan.

Mahboob Alam

Guest Research Associate

Institute for Chemical Research (ICR), Uji Campus, Kyoto University.

Gokasho, Uji, Japan.

I am researcher at Birbal Sahni Institute of Paleosciences, Lucknow, India have been visited japan for official work approximately two month. I stayed at Ohbaku International house, Room No. G216, Kyoto, Japan where the accommodation was amazing while the people working at reception of Ohbaku International House very kind and helping in nature. Initially, I found the difficulty in communication but people in Japan were very generous and polite even after explaining everything, they accompanied me to the destination. I remember my first day at Japan when I reached the Ohbaku station it was rainy day and I don't have idea to reach the Ohbaku International House then a young boy helped me and provide the internet connectivity to book the taxi, I am very thankful to him. I worked at the ICR lab where working environment is very neat and clean as well researcher and Professor of the department very humble and resourceful. I had been celebrated the farewell party at Barbecue restaurant, Kyoto with my lab mate, the food is very delicious and the service is very good in Barbecue, Kyoto, Japan. I visited famous place Fushimi Inari Shrine with my Professor Yoshiki Sohrin who told me about the importance and existence of the temple. We had visited the top of the mount Inari and it took approximately 2-3 hours before turning back. I enjoyed a lot there and purchase some precious things for the memory. The Japanese culture is different in rest of the world; there are many things to learn from Japanese culture with respect to humility, civic sense and politeness whereas the Japanese are excellent in terms of infrastructure and technology. The train and buses in Japan very frequent, neat and clean and run at proper time even a long distance can be covered in limited time, there is no hussle with train time or finding the way. I also visited the many supermarkets like Seven eleven, Al Plaza, Marushige etc. The vegetables, chocolate, milk etc are available there at a very convenient price. I enjoyed there to eat the chocolates and love to eat Japanese curry whereas if someone wants to eat Indian food they can also taste it at Indo-Nepali restaurant near Uji Campus. An abiding memory is the cleanliness of the country with no litter or graffiti and the charming people who were always willing to help lots foreigners. The temples and shrines and gardens were pretty awesome too. I am very thankful to the Prof. Yoshiki Sohrin, Tsujisaka San, Takano San and the lab mate for helping me every time whenever I am in need, a special thanks to Yoshiki San and Linjie san who help me lots at last day of my visit.

Here I have attached some of our memory.

