Another new experience for me during my PhD in Kobayashi Laboratory. From November 3 – 6, 2014, I was at Jeju City, Korea, for officially attending and presenting my research work in the 11th International SoC Design Conference, ISOCC2014 (http://www.isocc.org/). This conference was successfully organized by The Institute of Electronics and Information Engineers, (IEIE) of Korea section at Ramada Plaza Hotel, Jeju City, Korea. By aiming to provide a platform to the researcher from academia and industries to share their expertise, this conference has successfully created interests from many participants around the world such as USA, Jordan, Taiwan, Japan and others.

With two other members from Kobayashi Laboratory, we have departed from Narita International Airport, Japan at 9.45 am and arrived at Jeju International Airport 12.35 pm, which is almost three hours plane ride with Korean Air. During this journey, we were stayed at Jeju Palace Hotel, 7 minutes walking from the conference venue.

Besides attending the conferences, we also have been given moment to experience the Korean culture, sosio-economics and food as well. Compared to other countries that I had visited, Jeju Island is quite difference. It is one of the nine provinces of South Korea with the total area 1,849 km². Jeju Island is famous with their tourism after announced as one of the new seven wonder of nature (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeju_Province). Although Jeju Island is an Island, the development around on this island is quite impressive.
There are so many delicious and healthy foods in Jeju Island. One of my favorite food is seafood soup (해물탕 – haemul-tang). It can be found easily anywhere along the main streets. Due to currency exchange compared to Japan yen, it was reasonable price. For muslim, there are also restaurants that served halal dishes and luckily, I have time went and enjoyed the food at one of that restaurants. Bagdad café served halal foods based on the Indian cuisine.

Finally, I presented my research work at ISOCC2014 on November 5, 2014. It was a priceless moment for me and another stepping stone in personal achievements.


As my personal opinion, Jeju Island was really nice place for me. From this visit, I learned more about Korean from many perspectives with my own observation. Thanks to Professor Dr. Haruo Kobayashi, Mr. Nobuyoshi Ishikawa, Gunma University and Semiconductor Technology Academic Research Center (STARC) for their kindly support in this visit.