

Industrial Visit & ICDV2013 in Vietnam

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For the first time in my life, I was at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from 12 to 17 November 2013, officially for attending The 4th Conference on Integrated Circuits Design and Verification (ICDV2013) as one of presenters. With 19 other laboratory members, including my academic advisor Professor Dr Haruo Kobayashi, we have departed from Narita International Airport, Japan to Tan Son Nhat International Airport (Ho Chi Minh City Airport); the largest airport in Vietnam within 6 hours by All Nippon Airways (ANA). During that journey, we were stayed at Nikko Hotel, near to Ho Chi Minh City University of Science (HCMUS), where the conference held.



Nikko Hotel

Besides attending the conferences, we also have been given opportunity to visit two Japanese based companies those are operating in area of Tan Thuan Export Processing Zone and Saigon Hi-Tech Park. We also have visited the company that was given responsibility to develop Tan Thuan Export Processing Zone. During these visit, I have learned so many valuable knowledge related to management systems, business and marketing strategies, and land development process.



Saigon Hi-Tech Park

We also visited two recognised universities around Ho Chi Minh City, for establishing new relation between Gunma University and Vietnam universities. It also became a platform for exchanging related education knowledge especially in area of electrical and electronics engineering. During the visit, our members has been given chance to see their advanced facilities and infrastructures that used, mostly supported by well-established companies such as Panasonic, Rockwell, Omron and many others.



Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology (HCMUT) and Ho Chi Minh City University of Technical Education (HCMUTE)

Compared to other countries that I had visited, Vietnam has left me with very different impression. Even though, Vietnam was known as a country that has survived from their internal conflict, but since year of 2000, they has drastically changed into one of the developing countries and it can be seen everywhere.



There are many delicious foods and variety of fruits in Vietnam. It can be found easily anywhere along the main streets. Due to currency exchange compared to Japan yen, it was really cheap. For muslim, Ho Chi Minh City was a very nice and convenience place. There are several restaurants served halal dishes and luckily, I got two restaurants during that visit.



Finally, I presented my research work at ICDV2013 on 16 November 2013. For me, it was an additional priceless moment for me and as one stepped-up stage in personal achievements.



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As my personal opinion, Vietnam was really impressed me. The modern buildings at Ho Ci Minh City were a part of their current success. From this visit, I learned more about Vietnam from many perspectives with my own observation. Thanks to Professor Dr Haruo Kobayashi, Mr Nobuyoshi Ishikawa, Mr Tsuneo Sato and Mr Isao Shimuzu for their kindly support in this visit.

