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### Editor-in-Chief, eVision

Sapporo is getting warmer and the trees are growing as green nowadays. It is the season for Cherry Blossoms. We would like to thank you all who helped us in many ways during the publishing of this June Issue. We are looking forward to new good articles from all of you in the next issue. By publishing this e-Vision, we want to help e<sup>3</sup> family to communicate, interaction and increase their knowledge regarding socio-cultural aspect here in Japan. There are indeed mistakes of our own in this issue, but we extremely hope to get response and positive criticism in order to improve our e<sup>3</sup> magazine.



## Maria Fernanda Rivas

### Associate Editor, eVision

I am a Guatemalan civil engineer, currently in the first year of my Master Degree. I've been dreaming about studying in Japan for many years and chose Hokkaido University as the place to fulfill my dreams. In between my studies I like travelling, dancing, reading and writing. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the new edition of e-Vision, a magazine created by the students for the students. We wish to deliver many insights about life in Japan, as international students, members of Hokudai and the e<sup>3</sup> family; hopefully you will find them interesting and entertaining.



## Srikrishnan Siva Subramanian

### Sub Editor, eVision

I am very glad to be part of e-vision magazine. and I would like to thank all the kind people for giving me this responsibility as sub editor. I will do my best kind of support to e-vision for making interesting contents in every edition. I believe the content of e-vision will draw your interest and satisfy your expectations. I would like to thank all the key members of e-vision for making the first edition of this year thought-provoking and entertaining. I would like to show my earnest gratitude to e<sup>3</sup> student organization and SO committee members for actively taking part in article making and providing support for e-vision.

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# Welcome Message for e-Vision 2015



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This year "English course" (eigo tokubetsu ko-su in Japanese) at the graduate school of Engineering celebrates its 15th anniversary, first as EGPSEE (English Graduate Program in Social-Environmental Engineering) and since 2007 as e<sup>3</sup> you know. In this 15 years more than 260 students received their Master's and doctoral degrees and flew over the world to succeed in their profession. Almost 10 years of the history of the program were covered by the e-vision, which was published since 2003 by the efforts of the students. I'm glad to welcome back the new reborn e-Vision and looking forward to its continuous release.

Strong and committed student body was always a strengths of the e<sup>3</sup> and I believe, e-vision builds the bridge between the different generations of students and can provide a source of inspiration for new generations. For example, I just opened 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the e-vision (April 2004) and found a report on the first ever planned field trip, and new Open forum to share ideas between Japanese and international students and new special English class EGPSEE students offered to Japanese students and staff, and even an article by the first Japanese student to join the English program! Between the pages you can feel the eager and passion of the students and their union!

Spring 2004, how big was e<sup>3</sup> that time? The program had only opened its doors in October 2000 and by April 2004 accepted 58 students. EGPSEE students were few in numbers, but they were eager change the status quo and wanted their voices to be heard. This energy is what always helped program to move forward. Over years e<sup>3</sup> family has grown and today has 117 students, a great force to make the graduate school of Engineering even more international. I hope our community always keeps its energy and family spirit and e-Vision will help to take this message through the generations of Students.

# e<sup>3</sup> Field Trip (May, 2015).....

Chitose Snow Cooling Facility - Muroran Geo-Thermal Plant - Esashi Town - Hakodate - Ohnuma



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# Winter

## Festivals in & Around Sapporo

*Maria Fernanda Rivas*



Winter time in Sapporo is a very challenging few months for international students, especially those of us coming from warm countries.

Massive sculptures at the Sapporo Snow Festival



Concert at the Sapporo Snow Festival



However, being in a place that is accustomed enough to the huge amounts of snow accumulated; it is rather easy to find entertaining activities to enjoy in the cold season. Winter sports, such as skiing and snow boarding, are a big attraction for tourists from all over the world due to the good quality of snow in the area, and the beautiful resorts. For those who enjoy different kind of activities, there is always drift ice walk, wakasagi ice fishing, onsen visits, and of course the many festivals.

Following are a few of the many events in and around Sapporo:

### Sapporo Snow Festival

(Sapporo Yuki Matsuri)

This festival is worldwide famous and held during one week every February since 1950; displays about a dozen large snow sculptures and more than a hundred small statues. There are also concerts, light shows and lots of delicious food and drinks to enjoy.



# Winter



Snow candles at the Otaru Snow Light Path Festival

### Additional

to these big events, many parks and shrines have smaller light and/or snow displays and contests just a few miles away from campus. In Hokkaido University, some faculties hold activities for students to participate in. e3 had its own Annual Snow Sculpture Contest on February 21<sup>st</sup> in front of the Engineering Building, where the students showed their creativity and skills in snow sculpture making.

#### Asahikawa Winter Festival

(Asahikawa Fuyu Matsuri)

This is Hokkaido's second largest winter festival. But don't let this make you think the snow sculptures are less impressive or massive than Sapporo's. This festival also takes place for one week in February.

#### Ice Waterfall Festival

(Sounkyo Hyobaku)

An exhibit of ice sculptures, light-ups, Hyobaku drums, Ainu ethnic dance, fireworks display, and other attractions.

#### Chitose and Lake Shikotsu Hyoutou Festival

This beautiful display of ice objects formed by blowing the water of Lake Shikotsu and then lit up at night in a variety of colors is definitely worth seeing.

#### Otaru Snow Light Path Festival

(Otaru Yuki Akari no Michi)

For ten days in February, the city of Otaru becomes decorated with snow lanterns and small snow statues to feel warm even in low temperatures.



**This festival is worldwide famous and held during one week every February**

Otaru Canal





## Chairman

I am Ali, from Pakistan. I did my bachelor degree in Civil Engineering and now pursuing my masters in Hydraulic Engineering. After visiting some foreign countries like USA and UAE, I wanted to see beautiful culture and people of Japan also, so I joined Hokkaido University. After joining this prestigious University, I came to know about e<sup>3</sup> family. Although by default, I was part of this family, but after joining this family, I decided to make the family bond stronger and also I wanted to learn different things like leadership, management, communication, culture of different international students and much more, so I took part in the election 2014 and was nominated for the position of president. Being president, till now, I arranged three important events of e<sup>3</sup> with the help of my SOs & you people, and the response was very positive and appreciating. I request you all lab specimens to come out of the aura of books and research and take part in all the events with full motivation and increase your social circle and also make your university time memorable. Thank you.

## Vice-Chair (Academic)

Hi!

I am Jagriti Mishra. I come from the land of diversities - India.

I did my Bachelor and Master Course in Computer Science from India and now I am pursuing PhD in Civil Engineering. My wanderlust and affinity to learning new culture always takes me places. Growing up listening and reading stories about honest, patriotic and welcoming Japan, I always wanted to visit Japan and experience the culture here. It's only been 6 months in Hokkaido University, but the learning I had here as a student as well as an individual is immense.

E<sup>3</sup> played a vital role in making my initial life comfortable here and it continues to do so. Be friending people from across the globe, getting to know their culture is always a delight. E<sup>3</sup> brings all the people together and instills a feeling of togetherness. It is a family away from family. As a member of the organization, I would give my best to keep the feeling of oneness intact and organizing more and more events to make everyone's stay more fun.

## Vice-Chair (Social)

Hi, I'm Shuto.

I'm studying environmental engineering and working as a social chair. Two years ago, I went to Finland for a month as an internship student.

Although I was so anxious about being abroad at first, I became relaxed and enjoyed my stay thanks to my friends there. This experience made me think that I want to do the same for those who are coming to my country. We E<sup>3</sup> are preparing lots of fun events for everyone. Let's join and enjoy together!!



## Vice-Chair (Finance)

Hello e<sup>3</sup> Students,

I am Safiera, from Indonesia. I started studying in Hokkaido University in October 2013 as Research Student in Laboratory of Architectural History and Design. Start from April 2014, I officially became a Masters Student and one of SO Team (Finance Officer) for October 2014-September 2015 period. I always amazed with how the things work in here and always love this country since my childhood, especially with their cultures. For someone who struggle in Japanese Language like me, e<sup>3</sup> is a program who can realize one of my dream, it is study in Japan with English. I do hope it can give opportunity for everyone who has the same dream like me. e<sup>3</sup> also provide news for the students, called e<sup>3</sup> vision. The e<sup>3</sup> vision had stopped in 2012 and starting this March 2015, the e3 Vision team will be launching new newsletter. I hope the new e<sup>3</sup> Vision can provide more information for the Hokkaido University students, especially e<sup>3</sup> students and can bring new concept to the readers.

## Public Relation Officer

Hi Guys!

I am Sara from Pakistan. I am a Masters student in the laboratory of Lifetime Engineering. I came here few months ago, in Oct 2014. It's always good to participate in recreational activities to refresh yourself from research life. E<sup>3</sup> SO envisions providing a platform to gather all e<sup>3</sup> members, so that they can interact and enjoy student life in Japan. Being e<sup>3</sup> SO vice chairman PR provides me the opportunity to help, support and interact with the International students here at Hokudai. Along with the other SO officers, my responsibility is to arrange events for e<sup>3</sup> family and to accommodate them in the best possible way. I like sports and making new friends. Let's make our university life memorable and enjoy together!



# MY

## EXPERIENCE IN HOKKAIDO UNIVERSITY

Sofía Escribá

### When

I arrived to Sapporo last October, everybody asked me the same questions: “Why Japan?”, “Why Hokkaido?”. Simple questions that I had to answer many times since I applied for the PROMOE Scholarship of my home university one and a half year ago. “Yes, I know that Japan is really far away from Spain, and that Japanese culture and behaviour are difficult to understand for us, the westerns. But that’s the point! And the challenge!” I said to my friends. Of course they called me crazy, but also brave.

I remember the first day I went to the supermarket and tried to do my first shopping. Just buying a dressing for the salad took 20 minutes, and I still don’t know what I bought. Of course the coffee had no coffee, and the body milk turned into soap when I first used it after the shower... What a mess!! But a funny one, of course. I have plenty of similar stories which I always tell when people ask me the repeated questions about my 6-month-experience in the “country of the rice and tsumo” (That is how my friends still call it).

My experience in Hokkaido University was amazing, of course. The University is huge and beautiful, and the landscape in both Autumn and Winter is totally worth it. Wasn’t that funny when I had to go walking in “Slow Motion Mode” and with both hands out of the pockets in case I fall down. -Well, maybe that sounds funny too.- Because from the middle of November onwards, the snow has always been there. It was a bit shocking the swap from green to white in just a couple of days, but it was quite easy to get used to it.

I spent my first days in Sapporo going from one place to another filling in hundreds of documents. Actually, it was Ryo, my *senpai*, who filled them in because they all were written in Japanese. I don’t think he completely knows how grateful I am for all his help during this months!! I will really Miss Japanese kindness. Several times I found myself surrounded by many Japanese families and students looking in their phones how to guide me through the city. I appreciate that so much that in the future I am sure I will do my best to help foreigners. I know how difficult it might be for them to travel to such a different country. Although it is true that I think that they should learn more English...

During this months I also took Japanese lessons. There I met a lot of people. We all were new international students and researchers, so it was easier to know each other. In English, of course. I also attended a Zen Seminar in a Buddhist temple in Takikawa during two days with both Japanese and International students, and It was very interesting to know how we would behave in different situations according not only to our personalities, but also to our cultures and beliefs. Those are experiences that one can not learn without travelling and being open-minded.

Actually, most of the things I will never forget are not places or monuments. Neither the taste of the best Ramen in the city (or Takoyaki in Osaka). I will always remember moments, and with whom I lived them. And this has been a 6-month time that looks like a dream in my head now. A dream that I had one and a half years ago and came true.

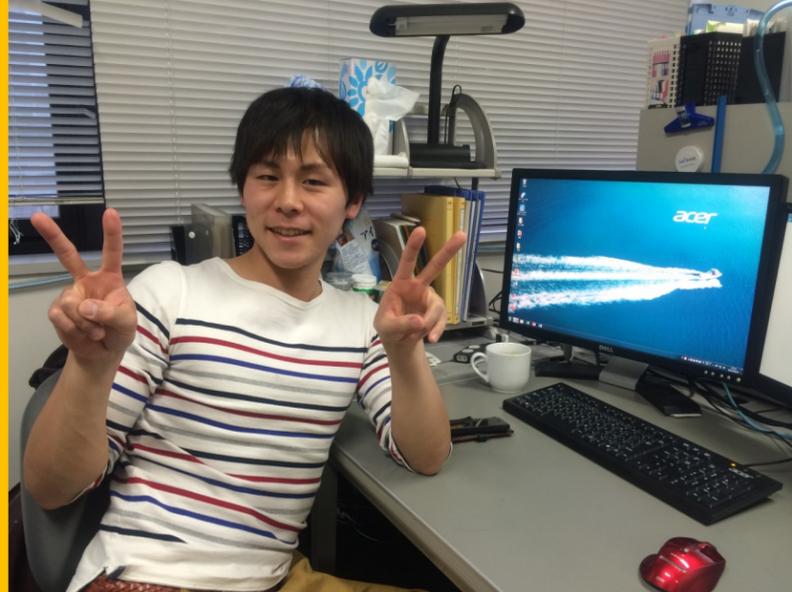
*Ah! And about the questions  
“Why Japan?”  
Why Hokkaido?”*

*“I think Japan is a country which can not be totally discovered as a tourist. And I chose Hokkaido among 10 different destinations thanks to all the nice things that other students told me about the University and the people. And I am so happy that they were right.”*



## The Supporter: My First Friend!

*Sajal Chowdhury*



### Today

I am writing about my supporter Daichi Saito who just completed his undergraduate degree from Engineering Faculty. He was my first friend here and I believe every new student in this university will think just like me. Last September I came to Japan for higher studies. From a long time, I have heard about the Japanese traditions, culture, and life style; my parents and my Professor in my home country always advised me to go to Japan for a higher study. I didn't know why, but I had high expectations, and for years dreamed about seeing Japan. When anybody has high expectations, he can be easily dissatisfied. But instead of disappointing, Japan exceeded my outlooks. The food, the people, the architecture, the culture, the whole tradition—it is pleasant.

At first when I arrived at New Chitose airport, I saw three of my new friends standing from the morning with a smile in their faces, and three placard in which my name was written in three different languages (Bengali, English and Japanese). I was astonished because this experience made me feel proud as a newcomer here and their helping attitudes touched my heart deeply. When I went to my new apartment with my supporter and friend, the apartment manager received us cordially and he gave a soft and simple briefing about the rules and regulations, and the facilities of the dormitory. Now I can see the vertex of a nearby mountain from the window of my room, this experience is so charismatic and every morning when the golden sun rays come through the windows and fall on my face, I become excited to see the splendor loveliness of the morning mountain.

I was so happy because every weekend they arrange a tea party among the members of the dormitory which was more enjoyable and I can share my experiences and views with others by taking a cup of Green tea and coffee. When I first met my professor he gave me some gifts and arranged a wonderful lunch in a nearby restaurant with my supporter, which was very enjoyable for me. I remember my supporter explained about the educational system in Japan and asked me about myself and my family. He took me to the Ward Office, Post Office, Student Center, Bank, class room and all the places whenever I needed.

I was so happy to have a friend who would be my supporter here. I couldn't get over how remarkably polite he is. While getting lost looking for my dormitory one night, he walked me all the way to the address to make sure I got there. One day I went to the bank but the bank officer didn't speak English. Then I discussed with my supporter and he just walked me to the bank and solved my problem immediately. And as I see him, I believe there is merely a politeness and kindness that infiltrates the soul of Japan. Here, the subway system is another strong phenomenon because of its planning pattern in where you can move from one place to another in a few minutes.

From the very first day I really enjoyed the subway shopping mall and walkway with my supporter, and I found a new colorful experience in every step there. Cordially thanks to my Professor and Hokkaido University's English Engineering Education Program for making such an arrangement for me; I will remember this support forever in my heart. Additionally, I want to wish a good luck to all the supporters helping international students.



## eVision MAIL

*Devon Dublin*

I am a very introverted individual which would surprise most people that know me. I spend a lot of time absorbed in my own thoughts and philosophies which allows me the latitude to live the way I want to.

When I first thought about Hokkaido University located in the middle of a city, I never envisioned a locality with that much greenery and intricacies. I was pleasantly delighted.

Whenever I enter the gates and head to my laboratory I go through a rollercoaster of emotions that immediately contributes to my personal evolution. I have smiled liberally, laughed uncontrollably and shed a tear or two from just that simple walk of a few meters.

Regardless of the season, this phenomenon remains unchanged. It includes lovers sitting under a tree, kids having fun under the watchful eyes of their guardians, an elderly couple taking snapshots of each other, a group of dainty ladies making a sketch of the scenery, a newlywed couple marking the occasion with photos at the entrance of a heritage building, crazy bikers giving car drivers a fit, curious crows (which I have come to adore) and the list goes

***“Not many campuses globally share such an atmosphere which has been cultivated in Hokkaido University and we should be proud of it.”***



It is remarkable the complexity of innuendoes and inspiration I obtain daily whenever I go to university and that is why for me Hokkaido University is much more than an institution of learning.

Of course, if you are not wrapped up in your inner self and thoughts and consider everything and everyone you see each day as just another event or person, then you will never experience what I do consistently. But if you will take a break from that experiment, that thesis, that class, that assignment, that exam, that preoccupation, and just let yourself go free just for a moment on campus, I guarantee that you will have an emotional and spiritual renewal constantly.

In closing, my hope is that we will make a personal and collective effort to conserve and protect this noble environment which we share on campus, that brings joy to so many residents and visitors of Sapporo. Not many campuses globally share such an atmosphere which has been cultivated in Hokkaido University and we should be proud of it.



# Japanese Adventures

Maria Fernanda Rivas's  
Kansai Chapter 1

**Coming** to Japan has been my biggest dream since many years ago, and now that I'm here, I am eager to make the best out of this experience and to see and try as many things as possible in the next two years. Since Japanese culture is so rich, and no two places are the same, living in one city will never be enough: one must travel. Even if it's for a very short amount of time or with a limited budget. After being in Sapporo for almost six months (most of them covered in snow), time for spring vacations also meant time for my first Japanese adventure in the cities of Osaka and Kyoto. I call it "Kansai Chapter 1", since there is so much to see in this area, and I plan on going back to visit many other cities I didn't have time for in this first trip.

Overall, this was a very good trip, we made nice friends on the way and got to see a whole new side of the wonderful Japan. These are the memories that we'll cherish forever.

"My friend Jagriti Mishra and I planned this trip since a month before departure, and were able to find a good deal on plane tickets and hotels.

However, with our different schedules and spring vacations ≠ no lab work, we were able to escape from University reality for only four days. Here is a summary of our trip"



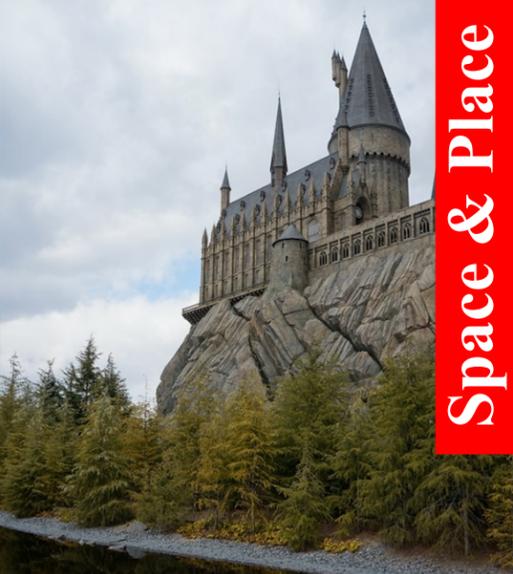
Arashiyama Bamboo Grove



Plum blossom in Osaka Castle Park



Osaka Castle



## Day 1: Universal Studios

One day is definitely not enough time to experience all the magic of this theme park. From New York City to Hollywood to Hogwarts, this really is a universe of movies, rides, souvenir shops and food. We kissed Spiderman, rode the rollercoasters, drank butter beer, and enjoyed many attractions in spite of the cold and windy weather.

## Day 2: Osaka Sight Seeing

For our second day, we chose the four most important things we wanted to do: visit Osaka Castle, eat okonomiyaki, see plum blossoms and (of course) shop. With the aid of our map, the subway routes and Google in our smartphones, we were able to do all of the above. From the moment we arrived to Osaka, we were lucky to meet very kind people who would go out of their way to help us find our destinations. It was very refreshing to have a nice conversation with them, and to know that they were really interested (and a bit surprised) about our lives in Japan, our studies in Hokudai and the winter in Sapporo.

## Days 3 & 4:

### Kyoto sightseeing

Unfortunately on our third day, we had rain all day long. However, this didn't stop us from enjoying the incredibly beautiful city of Kyoto. With the umbrella in one hand and the camera in the other, we were able to visit a few of the thousands of temples and shrines. We weren't the only ones though; in spite of the bad weather the city was still crowded with tourists trying to get the most out of their trip, and many Japanese girls were showing off their kimonos and visiting temples as well. The public bus is very convenient for going around (more than train or subway), since you can get a daily ticket to ride unlimited, and while you are on the move, you get to see most of the city. A well planned route is definitely recommended to be able to visit as many places as possible.

### General recommendations:

Whenever possible, plan your trip ahead. This will enable you to find plane tickets at very low prices and accommodation before all hotels are booked.

Ask your friends for references about hotels, sightseeing places, effective routes, etc.

Do your research! There are many blogs and books about traveling (in Japan or elsewhere). You will most likely find answers to any questions you might have.

Don't judge a book by its cover and don't judge anything by its price. Sometimes you will find the most delicious food at the lowest prices, and other times you will realize the most expensive option is not always the best.

Get to know the locals. Talk to as many people as you can during your trip, and get their advice on the best places to go to. Start by the staff in the hotel you are staying at. And, of course, enjoy every minute of the experience!



Kinkaku-ji or "Temple of the Golden Pavilion"



Girls in Kimono crossing the path lined with thousands of torii in the Fushimi Inari-Taisha



Kyomizudera temple



Tahereh Malmir's

# NEXT.....

I came to Japan on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2014 for PhD degree in Environmental Engineering – Solid Waste Disposal Engineering. At first when I arrived, the environment was completely new for me and I needed time to adapt to the new system, both educational and daily life. Besides I missed my family too much and I felt so confused. However in other point of view, this completely unfamiliar lifestyle seemed also interesting to me. Gradually I started to cope with my feelings and I tried to keep in touch with friends, even though there are less than 10 students here from Iran. After starting Japanese language classes and laboratory lectures and also the most important part, starting my research, I became so busy and the Japanese educational system seemed so interesting for me. I really enjoyed my Japanese language classes and could improve my Japanese language acceptably, as I could gain excellent marks in all my 3 Japanese language courses; Kanji and vocabulary, Grammar, and Communication. In laboratory lectures I felt OK too, except in some parts, but in order to do my research I think long way I should pass. So my purpose for the next year is to concentrate on my research more and more and to also continue my Japanese language classes. Maybe next year I can speak Japanese and life will become more interesting for me.



# Research

I am Srikrishnan from India. I am doing my PhD in Analytical Geomechanics laboratory. It is my immense pleasure to share my experience in e-Vision. Our lab's research is mainly focused on unsaturated soil mechanics.

My research is on slope stability. In India, every year there are landslide incidences due to heavy rainfall and seismicity in regions like Himalaya and Western Ghats etc. For this reason I am interested in working with Analytical Geo-mechanics group. It's about 7 months I am staying in Sapporo and attending my classes since Oct 2014. It's really a joyful experience to study through e<sup>3</sup> program. I have learned many new things regarding my research, life etc. There are very few international students in my laboratory, anyhow I have got many friends from several countries i.e. Pakistan, Bangladesh and Japan (so amazing!!!) etc. and e<sup>3</sup> owns the credit for that. Hope everyone of e<sup>3</sup> program find their study interesting to fulfill their dreams and I wish good luck to everyone.

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# Graduation Party 2015

*Zhai Jian*

*Time flies,*

it feels like we just entered Hokkaido University yesterday then will graduate tomorrow. In these two years, we international students had to leave our hometown, lived in Japan and study alone, but E<sup>3</sup> group is like a big family always make us feel warm. We went to field trip together, visited Tomari nuclear power plant and lots of places, that was really nice experience and we had a lot of fun.

The graduation party 2015 was held on 24<sup>th</sup> Mar, although many graduate students didn't attend but we still have 5(I don't remember the number...) graduate students and many stuff here. After some speeches given by professors and stuffs of E<sup>3</sup> and graduate students, we came to the most excited part: yes, food time! Delicious food and drinks made the party began to liven up; everyone talked to each other and laughed together. We graduate students also were very excited after the stress from thesis defenses reduced.

After the food time, we also had a lot of fun by playing some games. The first one is drawing competition. 3 teams were separated and each team needed to draw out all members of it with different scenes. Our team decided to draw each member doing their favorite thing and circled together like a big family E<sup>3</sup>, which was in the middle of our circle. The next game was a balloon blow game, also 3 teams but with different members, I am not good at blowing a balloon but our team got Melbert, who finished all our work and lead us to goal. At last, all graduate students got an E<sup>3</sup> mug as a present, I really love it!

*“Thanks for all E<sup>3</sup> stuff and members who prepared this wonderful party for us and hope all graduate students have a bright career wherever you are!”*



## International Food Competition a harmony of culture and cuisine

### Doddy

Grad. School of Environmental Science  
Hokkaido University

**Once** a year, E3 students are given the opportunity to present their cultures of their countries through culinary competition called E3 International Food Competition. This event was conducted by E3 Hokkaido University, to promote cultural exchange between students and Hokkaido University members. Numerous countries, such as Thailand, Egypt, Nepal, Jordania, Palestine, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, China, India, and Russia presenting delicious cuisine from their countries.

Starting from early morning, all participants prepared their food in Clark Keikan kitchen in Hokkaido University. One of participant from Indonesia, presented traditional food like Bakso (meat balls), Mie Goreng (fried noodle), Tahu isi (vegetable Tofu), and Sambal terasi (Chili with shrimp paste). Moreover, Indonesian team also provide vegetarian food and (Halal) food due to food restriction. Different from Indonesian team, Thailand team served unique cuisine made from potato and complete with chicken and vegetable. While Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka prepared their traditional food with special herbs and spices.

While enjoying the food, E3 Hokudai committee also delivered dance performance and interactive games for all students and guests. Right after food presentation, the winners of food competition were decided by voting system with the judges came from all students and guests. The criteria of the winners are not only about the taste, but also their creative presentation. Finally, the E3 International Competition winner goes to "Indonesian Team" and following with the first place, 2<sup>nd</sup> winner goes to Thailand team.

Jaka Fajar, from Applied Physics Laboratory as team leader from Indonesia said that he was really surprised could receive this honor achievement. "Because every year, Thailand team always got the first place", he said. Before end of event, all participants together with students and guests were taken memorable picture. Hope to see you again for E3 International food competition next year.



Indonesian Team Cuisine



## Bonenkai

### The first event of the New SO



## Usually

December is the busiest month in Japan, not busy in Christmas but busy in partying. Bonenkai ("forget the year party") is one of the very famous events in Japan.

As name implies, this event or party is arranged to forget all the miseries or troubles that happened during the whole year and get energy for the next year. Almost every department in the university arranges that party or sometimes friends go for party in order to celebrate the New Year.

In order to experience that event and keep the trend, our SOs arranged Bonenkai Party on 19 December, 2014. More than 70 people joined in that party.

Party was inaugurated with the address of a professor. There was cooking competition in that party also in which 5 teams from different countries (Bangladesh, Pakistan, Indonesia, India & China) participated. Every team contributed a lot and made delicious food. Indonesian team was the winner.

We had dance, magic and music performance in that party. Everyone enjoyed the food & performances. Come and participate in upcoming events of e3. Thank you.

*"Party was inaugurated with the address of Professor Ueda (Former e<sup>3</sup> Chairman) and Dr. Nagoei (1<sup>st</sup> e<sup>3</sup> Japanese student graduated in 2005). There was cooking competition. Every team contributed a lot and made delicious food.".....*

**Ahmad Ali**

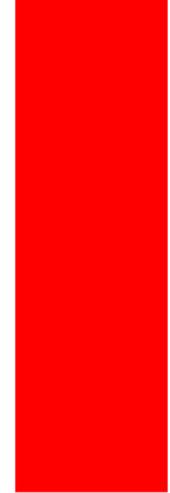
Words of New SO Chairman



# Whiplash.....

## PLOT....

Andrew is a first-year jazz student at the prestigious Shaffer Conservatory in New York, with the aspiration to become one of the greats like Buddy Rich from young age. He is accepted as the alternative for core drummer of an excellent studio band by the conductor, Fletcher. But soon, Andrew finds that Fletcher is an extremely strict person, abusive to the students, mocking and insulting them unless they can satisfy his requirement perfectly. Under the fear of being replaced by new comers at any time, Andrew struggles to practice much harder to keep tempo. But not all efforts will be paid off, after the suffering time of promotion, being replaced and promotion once again, he is finally expelled from Shaffer because of a mistake, which smashes his dream. Fletcher is also fired due to abusing students testified by Andrew. Surprisingly, Andrew receives the invitation from Fletcher again to perform in a music festival. And he is moved by Fletcher's explanation on his unacceptable action. The invitation is actually revenge towards Andrew to destroy his music way in that Fletcher told him the wrong music which makes Andrew have no preparation. This time Andrew interrupts Fletcher with an extravagant drum solo and gets Fletcher's approval.



# FILM

# Recommended

by **Yan Ma**

**Name:** Whiplash  
**Country:** United States  
**Release time:** 2014

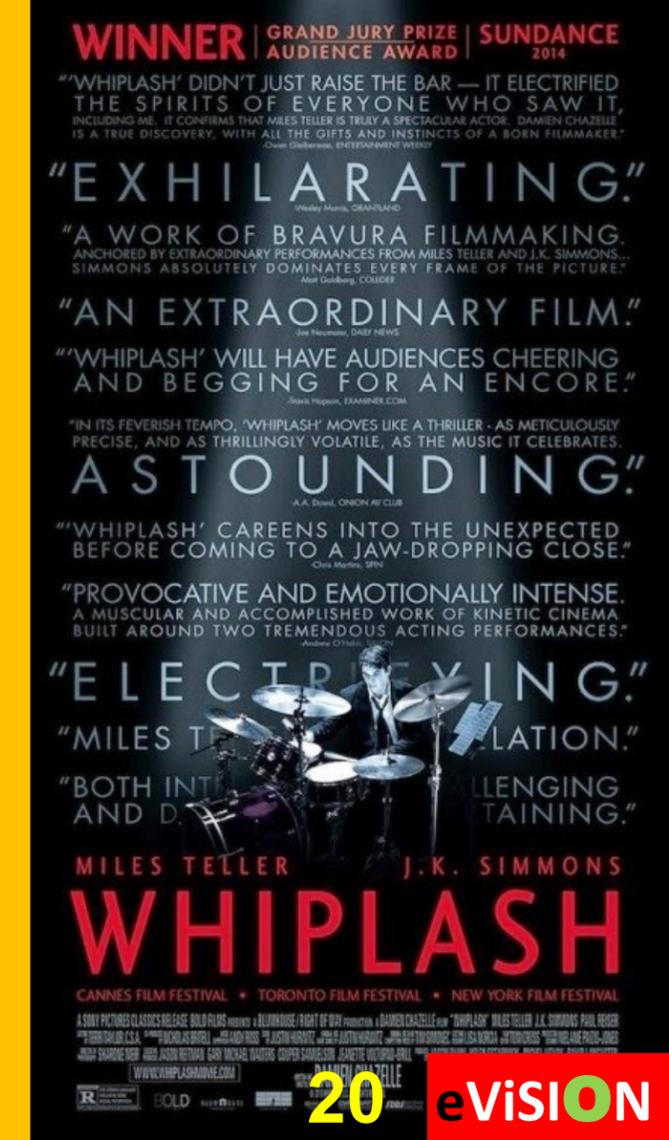
*This film reveals a real and cruel road to success.*

*It is different from the other motivated films in that the ending of the story is neither happy nor tragic.*

*Andrew finally gets, the approval of Fletcher, but also loses much including his pure love of music.*

*The film is also recommended due to its surprising, intense story developing and exciting music.*

**'Whiplash' won Best Film Editing, Best Sound Mixing, and Best Supporting Actor for Simmons at the 87<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards.**





Canon 7D  
 Lens: Canon 17-55 2.8 IS  
 Aperture: f2.8  
 Exposure: 1/8000s  
 ISO: 100  
 Focal set up: 30mm  
 “The atmosphere at the Odaiba beach, In Tokyo, was as I remember from years ago, but this time I was with a special person and I wanted to catch both feelings in a picture.”

# My Snaps....

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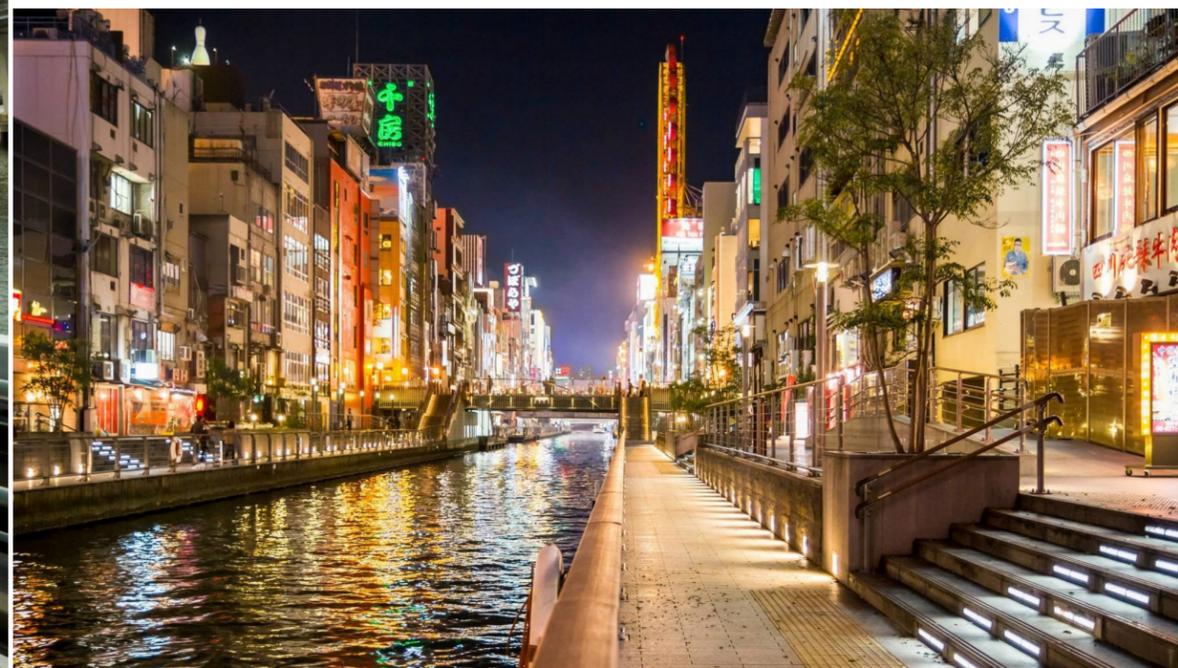
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“The train in movement reminded me of some old memories in a roller coaster. I wanted to catch that Tokyo landscape and the movement of the train, so I set the camera with a low aperture, sat on the window, and waited for the perfect shot.”

Canon 7D  
 Lens: Canon 10-18mm IS  
 Aperture: F/11  
 Exposure: 1/80s



Canon 7D  
 Lens: Sigma 30mm 1.4  
 Aperture: f1.4  
 Exposure: 1/80s  
 ISO: 320, Focal: 30mm  
 The evening was almost over in the traditional district of Kyoto.. I was going to save my camera when this group of young people dressed with traditional clothes appeared. I took them the photo before they realized and gave me a full smile back.



Canon 7D  
 Lens: Canon 17-55 2.8 IS  
 Aperture: 2.8  
 Exposure: 1/15s, ISO: 400  
 Focal set up: 21mm  
 The vision from this side of the busy Namaba was quite different from this side of the bridge. The lightings gave me a good spectacle with the channel's water.



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I try to encourage as many students as I can to apply for admission. I believe in this process  $e^3$  will have outstanding students. Some students get more than one scholarship in different universities at the same semester. If they discuss or I know the situation, I always encourage them to study in  $e^3$  to ensure the full potential of our  $e^3$  program scholarship opportunity. So far all the students went to study at  $e^3$  after getting the admission and scholarship offer from here in Bangladesh.

***What's your expectation from the  $e^3$  International program in future?***

I wish to see  $e^3$  as the most promising international program in Japan. In this respect it is required to admit outstanding students from diverse countries. It is very important to increase the number of scholarship for deserving candidates in future.

***In time of Globalization, what are you thinking about the prospect of  $e^3$  program in global market?***

So far I know most of the graduates from  $e^3$  program are doing excellent in their respective job position. This confirms the excellence of the program. I believe the truly international environment of  $e^3$  program in Japan would develop the graduates to fit in global market in future so that they can have service anywhere over the world.

***What challenges are you looking for in this program country representative position?***

Well, as the country representative many prospective students contact with me from various national universities in Bangladesh. The FAQs are as follows:

- Is the medium of instruction fully English?
- What is the work environment there?
- What about the climate in Sapporo?
- How many scholarship they offer from the program?
- Can I continue to a PhD program after finishing M.Eng.? If yes how many scholarships are?
- What about the food and accommodation?
- Any opportunity to work in Japan after graduation?

# Announcement

from Editor

We want our magazine to be a fun and interesting mean of communication between students, staff and alumni, and hope that we can exchange different experiences as part of the  $e^3$  community. For this, we would like to invite you to participate in our next issue by submitting a short article about the topic of your choice.

Following are some suggestions, but any new idea is welcome:

***Experiences :***

(share your experience in Japan, in Hokkaido University, tell us about your research, work experience, seminars, etc.)

***Food :***

(tell us about your favorite Japanese food, share recipes from your country, tell us about special food only found during festivals, etc.)

***Social activities :***

(what are your hobbies? Tell us what kind of activities you like to engage in, give us an insight in your favorite activities in Japan, etc.)

***Travel :***

(share pictures and experiences you've had while visiting Hokkaido or Japan, recommend places from your country, etc.)

***Leisure :***

(share jokes, fun facts, crosswords, etc.)

Finally, show your talent with the camera by submitting your favorite picture to be published in our magazine. No writing is required, just a title and the date and place of shooting.

**Guidelines:**

Note: (Please try to keep you article about one A4 page long, and include pictures where possible (if they are not your own, please provide the source).

The deadline to include your article in the December eVISION edition is September 30, but those sent afterwards will be saved for our next issue.

Please submit by e-mail to [evision2015@gmail.com](mailto:evision2015@gmail.com).



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"The autumn in Hokkaido University was plenty of colors.. But suddenly some a loud croak took my attention. It was there and I was by chance with my tele-lens attached on my camera. I took this caption and then I returned to the colorful reality around."

Photo courtesy: Jose Miso Anton

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