

## **COE Internship Experience Note**

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During the internship program I worked under the supervision of Prof. Yoshihiro Kimura at the Graduate School of Environmental Studies. My research topic was highly interdisciplinary and was concerned with the seemingly different disciplines of economics, environment and public policy. I carried out research on the flow dynamics involved in the process of economic growth, environmental degradation and resultant health impacts. I focused my work on how the Japanese experience of integrating environment and health concerns in economic design-making would help India in facing these dynamics. My host supervisor, Prof. Kimura provided me with valuable guidance and suggestions for carrying out such an interdisciplinary study. He also made available excellent research facilities that enabled me to achieve significant progress in the short time (6 weeks) I had at my disposal.

My internship period at Sendai is full of blissful and unforgettable memories. Sendai is a beautiful and calm city and is blessed with a wonderful natural environment. I enjoyed the long walks around the beautiful Aobayama and Kawauchi campus. We visited places like Zao Mountain, Matsushima, Akiu and so on, which left a lasting impression on me. The accommodation was excellent and extremely convenient for me and my family. I found people in Sendai very friendly and always ready to help. With whatever little knowledge I had of Japanese language, I could manage to travel around the place with the help of such excellent people. This was my first visit to Japan and I found that the country is so modern and dynamic and has still managed to maintain its unique and splendid culture.

I am really grateful to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century COE of Flow Dynamics for giving me the opportunity to visit Japan and study here. I would like to express my gratitude to Prof. Kimura who has been an extremely helping and kind supervisor throughout my stay. I want to specially thank Ms. Nao Konohara of the COE office who gave me so much help right from organizing this internship to providing excellent accommodation and was always there to entertain any queries I had. I found an excellent friend in Ms. Miharu Yui without whom I would not have adjusted to Sendai life so quickly and easily. Lastly, I want to express my thanks to other students of Prof. Kimura's laboratory and the staff of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies, particularly Ms. Yoko, who were ever-ready to help and made my stay so comfortable and enjoyable.

I sincerely hope and wish that the COE program will continue to support such international academic exchange in future and give opportunity to researchers to get to know a wonderful country like Japan.