

## 21 COE Internship Program Tohoku University, Sendai

My Internship period at the Kohama's Lab is full of great memories! Both the colleagues and the research environment have been extremely helpful in making my time unforgettable. I have felt immediately welcome by Prof. Kohama, Dr. Yoshioka and all the colleagues. I was offered the opportunity to know the details of the Aerotrain Project and to see the potential of wind energy in it (especially with regards to the Active Wake Control developed at KTH, Stockholm).

My colleagues helped me especially in the first period by pointing me at the right offices and facilities, together with the reading of the menu at the restaurants... The accommodation and the help provided by the staff were always excellent. I had the possibility of visiting Japan and of starting to know its interesting and ancient culture. It has been very fascinating to see the mixing between modern technology and tradition. I think it is really important to live Japan at its full, with an open mind and the curiosity towards what it can offer. One of the significant moments was the farewell party (see the picture): we have been eating carbonara (cooked by me) and sashimi (prepared by some of the Japanese PhD students), in a perfect exchange of experience. Even after several months from the end of the Program, I'm still in touch with many of the friends in Sendai and in the other Liaison Offices. I can definitely recommend the Internship Program to anybody.

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