

21st Century COE of Flow Dynamics
F2005 International Internship Program
Achievement Report

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Research topic in International Internship Program:

Smart Material Based Fluid Sensor for MAV Application

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Period of Internship: 19 / 06 / 2005 ~ 20 / 08 / 2005
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Date	Itinerary during your stay in Japan (places of visit, etc.)
June 19	Arrival at Sendai
June 20	Attending Intelligent Systems Laboratory
June 30	Welcoming party with members of Intelligent Systems Laboratory
July 19-20	Jinja(神社) festival
July 30	Korean food party with Korean friends of Institute of Fluid Science
August 05	Visiting various laboratories in Tokyo Institute of Technology Welcoming party with TIT and KAIST members
August 06	Attending 2nd Tokyo Tech-KAIST Joint Workshop
August 07	Visiting Tokyo Metropolitan Government Buildings, Harajuku, and Rainbow Bridge, etc.
August 08	The last day of Tanabata(七夕) festival(8/6-8/8), Purchasing Yukata
August 10	Going around Sendai (especially, Seeing whole of Sendai in SS30)
August 11	Farewell party with members of Intelligent Systems Laboratory
August 12	Visiting Aoba castle and Zuihoden
August 13	Travel through Matsushima
August 20	Return to Republic of Korea

Outline the scientific activities you conducted while in Tohoku University (e.g. experiments, discussions, research trips)

My major is aerospace engineering and I am very interested in smart materials and structures. So, I wanted to know how to fabricate smart materials and to do it by myself when I stayed in Tohoku University. In Prof. Qiu's Laboratory, there were many experimental devices for making PZT material (one of the best smart materials) and previous researchers had already made different kinds of PZT ceramics and PZT fibers. So, at first, I started to make PNN-PZT powder and then I made PNN-PZT fiber successfully. But, some devices had problem because nobody used those machines and the devices were moved from another room after graduation of previous researchers. In spite of these problem, thanks to Mr. Gael, I could get many fibers and check them to confirm a possibility of use. During a test, I found something important to have an experiment. (I'm telling what you already know.) It is preparations for a test (including make a schedule) before we have an experiment. Also, cooperation with previous researchers. Actually, Mr. Park and Mr. Nagai gave me a lot of advices and guidelines. I appreciate their help and cooperation. After making PZT fibers, I wanted to test them as a fluid sensor. So, I checked the output signal from fibers using DSP board. But, I couldn't perform the wind tunnel test in Tohoku University. Now, I'm in Korea and I can use wind tunnel in KAIST. So, I will give you further information about my research when I have a good result.

I had a research trip. I visited Tokyo in order to attend TIT(Tokyo Institute of Technology)-KAIST Joint Workshop. While in Tokyo, I had a lab-tour at TIT and travel around downtown of Tokyo. Also, I presented my research work to TIT members and had a great party with them after workshop.

Give your impressions of the present state of science in Tohoku University in your field

In my opinion, the technique of smart materials in Japan is the most famous and best over the world. Researchers also made an effort to get better smart materials and continuously they spend more time to study. And, to tell the truth, I wondered the PZT fiber before I saw them. How did it work? I thought it was amazing! I think the first researcher who developed this kind of fibers was very clever. Although it has some defects, I think they can be overcome because there are many people to investigate them, to optimize them and to develop much better way to make them.

And I was very impressed that there were many kinds of experimental devices in Tohoku University. Some devices are very expensive ones. In addition, there was a technician in Prof. Qiu's Lab. so students could make various kinds of experimental setup without any difficulties. I think that's very convenient system. In sum, the experimental environment in Tohoku University is very good for students and researchers. Also, for me.

Give your future plan of submitting a paper

If I get some good results, I will submit a paper about an application of PZT fibers in the future. But I didn't plan to submit the paper this time.

Give 21st Century COE of Flow Dynamics your comments or suggestions particularly with regard to the internship program

First I appreciate your help. Thanks to your support, I had a good chance to stay in foreign country and could stay in Japan very comfortably. Ms. Konohara always informed me of my schedule and solved many things when I had some problem or questions. Thank you again!

General impression you had of Sendai and Japan during your stay

Most of people live in the city nowadays so we don't get to see much nature. But I was very impressed Sendai has many beautiful place to take a rest. And I'd like to talk about traffic. I think most Japanese keep the traffic signal very well and drive a car very slowly and safely. Although I saw some people didn't keep the traffic signal at night, most of drivers seemed to think 'after pedestrian'. So I was very comfortable on the road. Also, everywhere including the road, inside of building, etc. was very clean.

When I visited Tokyo, I didn't know how to get to the place where I want to go. So, I asked to many people of the direction using my poor Japanese. Everyone was very kind and someone, especially, guided me pleasantly. Without their help, I might not reach my destination.

Japan is very close to Korea so I want to be back in Japan. I think Japan is a really good

and advanced country.