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I have learnt and experienced a lot in Arimura Laboratory (Ariken), Kyushu University. I believe, knowledge and skills that I have gained from there will be a mine to support my ongoing career success. During over 5 years, I got my master and PhD degrees in Health Sciences. As a forerunner, I would like to share some points that I noticed from my experience.

I have learnt many knowledge and skills. Kyushu University provides me the general courses related to the field of Medical imaging, Medical Physics, applied mathematics and basic medical science such as anatomy, oncology, radiation therapy, etc. Even better, the professors have vigorous attitude to do their best in sharing their knowledge and experiences with students. When I was doing research in lung cancer, I received a lot of face-to-face meetings and discussion with many professors about different fields related to my study. Meanwhile, Arimura Laboratory keeps a good relationship with several medical doctor groups. I have also learnt the clinical details from the doctors when meeting with them. We had weekly meetings about our researches making brainstorming to produce ideas or solving problems – that is the sweetest part in Ariken, in my opinion.

In Ariken, I reached the world. It is not merely a great place for me to concentrate in studying, but also a place letting me knowing people and studies in the world. I have attended many international conferences in Japan, China, Australia, Indonesia, USA, etc. It helped me in keeping up with the latest research progresses of other groups, introducing our own research, and building relationships with other researchers and groups. The international conferences triggered a motivation of researching more in the world. That is why I am working here in USA now.

Ariken always keeps the best equipment for researching. High-end computers were purchased every year to keep up with the latest technology for recent years, especially the GPU calculation. Books and softwares were purchased by research fund for any student with needs in the lab.

I have hardly any problem with my financial conditions when I was studying there. I went to Japan at my own expense at first place. Fortunately, with the help from Prof. Arimura and staffs in Kyushu University, I have scholarship as soon as I arrived there. For 5 years, many groups such as MEXT, JSPS, Otsuka Toshimi Scholarship Foundation, etc. have sponsored me.

For me, Ariken is a home-like place. I'm like an grew-up child that got independent. As often says, we know not what is good until we have lost it.