

# My new life in Tokai - happy, nice and impressive

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Time does fly, without my realizing it, I have been in Tokai for more than 4 months. Before I came to Tokai, I lived in Kyoto, which is called “the capital of Japanese people”, for about 2 years. There, I appreciate a city with thousands of years of history: the Kingakuji Temple, the Kiyomizu Temple, the Heian Shrine, and lots of others. Also, I visited lots of other cities around Japan, like Osaka, Tokyo, Toyama, Okinawa, Yamagata, Utsunomiya...It is amazing to behold a modern building confronted a temple with more than thousand years of history, and women in kimono walk beside women in business suit, maybe only in Japan, where the tradition and environment are so well protected, and yet so developed a society.

While here in Tokai, I am experiencing another kind of life and enjoying it, too. It is the first time that I'm staying in such a small, quiet, and beautiful seaside village. Far away from big city, maybe it is not so convenient for shopping and entertainment, but the fresh air, the fragrance from the farmland, and the breeze from the beach, are also big temptation that nobody can resist. It is simply bliss walking on the beach near Hitachi port after work. There I can breathe the air with scent of the Pacific Ocean, refresh myself from works in the daytime, and get myself ready for new challenges. Also, I enjoy the seafood here very much, fresher and more delicious, such as Japan crab, tuna, and many other kinds of fish which I only know the deliciousness, but not the name.

People here are very kind and helpful, too. It saved me the time to get myself used to the new place. In the first 3 months, I stayed in the international house, and the managers are so warmhearted, they offer drives to me before I have my own car. In the city hall of Tokai village, there is even a lady who can speak Chinese to help me transact my ID. I know that most Japanese people can speak some English, but it is in Tokai that I see a Chinese speaker for the first time.

I am especially enjoying the research life in JAEA. Here, we have lots of good facilities and efficient research policy. I'm impressed by the teamwork of my colleagues and appreciate their kindly cooperation. Here, I not only learn many new techniques and knowledge, but also get chances to be involved in a broad collaboration with research groups across Japan and other countries. It is very important and helpful for my research.

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