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Dear ERI colleagues & friends,

I had never visited Japan before, and my planned 2011 visit to ERI was delayed to 2012 due to Tohoku earthquake.

So, I came here full of expectations, which were definitely not only met but also exceeded.

The only thing I regret is not having been able to enjoy all the beautiful and tasteful Japanese food, but that's not ERI's fault!

The research environment at ERI is friendly, academically enjoyable and international, and especially the collaboration with Tekko-san and Ichihara-san was fruitful.

I had the pleasure to visit Kirishima, Sakurajima and Adama volcanoes, and to work intensely on Kirishima data.

Also, Tokyo offers infinite cultural attractions and even a small earthquake was organized for me during a dinner with ERI friends!

Time passed fast and 3 months led to a lot of new ideas to develop.

So, I sincerely hope I will be able to come back for a few months again in 2013 or later.

Thanks!

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