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Dear ERI colleagues and friends

Thank you for being very gracious hosts and providing resources and facilities at ERI during my 4 month stay. I especially thank Prof. Hiroshi Sato for hosting my stay in Tokyo and, together with Mochizuki-san, fellow researchers and visitors, contributed to many stimulating lunchtime discussions. I look forward to following up on the many good ideas. The geology of Japan and NZ are very similar and there are many opportunities for ongoing collaboration.

In addition, I have benefited from travelling and experienced more Japanese culture. I especially enjoyed riding the Shinkansen, staying overnight in Buddhist temples, bathing in Onsen, chasing Autumn colours, geology field-trip to Shikoku, and "English" lunches. However, I am still learning all the Ramen variations and there is much more food to sample.

I am looking forward to returning to ERI again in future. Thank you again and to the International Visitors Programme for making my visit possible. Regards,

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