Report on visit to Earthquake Research Institute, University of Tokyo

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I greatly enjoyed my three-week visit to ERI. My main activity was to teach a short course, 'Aspects of Observational Seismology,' to about 15 students. This involved eight lectures of 90 minutes each, which combined background material with summaries of some of my current research results. This was a new course for me and I distributed copies of the notes and the Powerpoint lectures to the students. As part of the class, I asked the registered students to send me a brief summary of their current research and then come to meet with me for a discussion. I have been impressed by the quality and variety of their research projects. I have also had the opportunity to meet with many of the professors and researchers at ERI to learn about their work and to answer questions about my own research. I hope that this may lead to some future collaborations.