

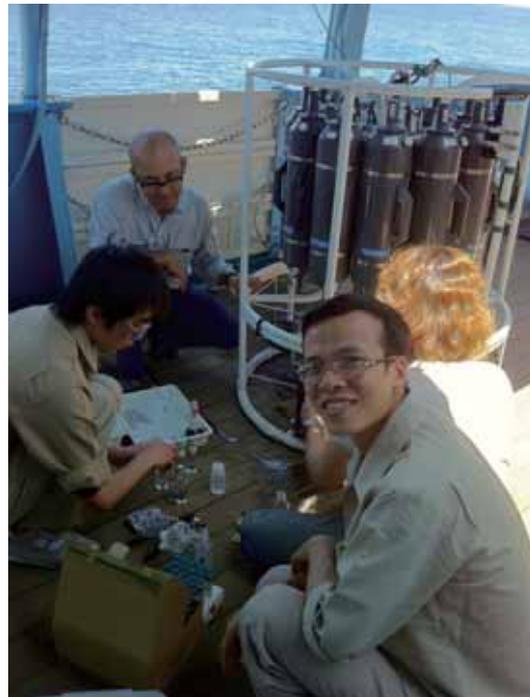
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I first came to Okinawa, Japan on October 2009 to join the master course under Okinawa International Marine Science Program within the Graduate School of Engineering and Science, University of the Ryukyus. This course was financially supported by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Monbukagakusho). Currently, I am working at my former Institute of Geological Sciences - Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology as a researcher.

Passing two years of this course, I got many valuable experiences and knowledge in studying in a professional environment, in which all facilities are comfortable and considerably equipped. More importantly, I and other international students received the patient guidances and tireless supports from all professors, teachers, officers and friends, who were always beside me and other students even on holiday and weekend.

My main subject concentrated on the field of oceanography and geochemistry, from which I found my interest and passion, and I spent most of my time to study, work and resolve the challenging task that I had to face. I also joined some classes which were useful for me to extend my knowledge in my field research. The scope of seminars that I took part in really helped me to improve my knowledge and brought me to a better understanding. Luckily, I had chances to visit the Chikyū vessel and to be a member of the training



cruise by T/S Nagasaki-maru in the East China Sea and from that, I had many unforgettable memories.

My goal of this course was not only the knowledge that I got but also many useful analytical skills and proper working attitude during experiments. In addition, my English skill in writing, listening and speaking became much better than it had been before this course.

This course also provided opportunities for me and other international students to learn Japanese language and also culture. To me, it was very interesting to learn more about Japanese culture, which is always one of the most unique and special culture in the world. I was lucky to have my friends, including Japanese and international friends, to share and cheer every moment together in our lives and on the way to our destinations.