

RESEARCH REPORT

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(a) Outline of academic activities Discussions, lecture tour, etc.

October 28: I took flight MU9821 from Shanghai Pudong International Airport to Kansai International Airport in Osaka after I took flight MU5676 from Xiamen airport to Shanghai.

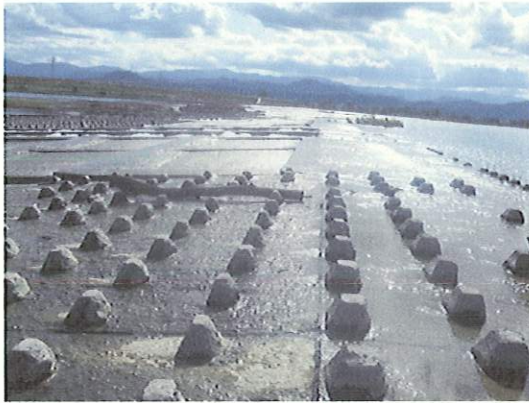
October 29: I attended the symposium entitled "comparative study of water society " which was hold at Osaka prefectural Sayamaike Museum. There were four scholars from China, Japan, South Korea who gave their own academic lectures and lively discussions afterwards.

October 30: The symposium continued, I gave the lecture entitled "Survey and Findings of Water Control Documents in the Guanzhong Area Since the Ming and Qing Dynasties" about one hour, then participated in a lively discussion and answered separately the academic questions raised by other scholars in the afternoon. In the above two-day symposium I communicated with other scholars and visited Osaka Prefectural Sayamaike Museum & Sayamaike Pond.

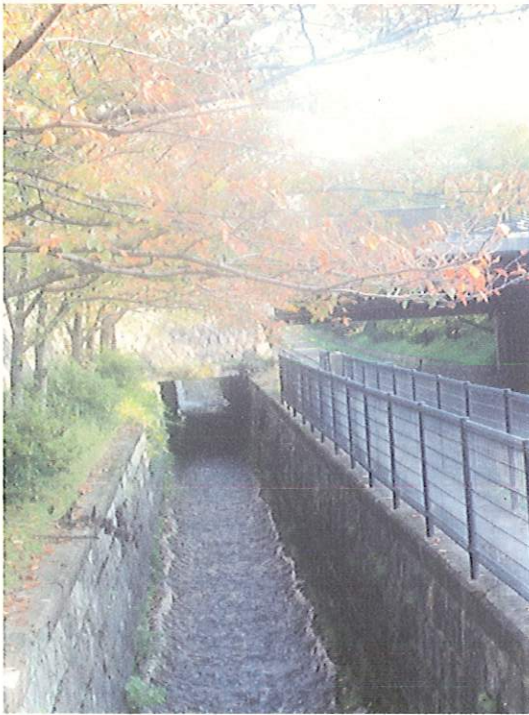




October 31: Leaving Osaka, Prof. Matsuda Yoshiro took us to Shikoku Island by traveling bus. We rented a car at Tokushima Prefecture to visit No.Ten Weir at Yoshino River and Mannoike Pond at Kagawa Prefecture. The similarities and exchanges of water control between China and Japan gave me a deep impression.



November 1: We took train and Shinkansen to Kyoto via the Seto Great Bridge, Okayama. Shinkansen is wonderful and express. The modernization of Japanese (including water control) gave me a deep impression. We visited Lake Biwa Canal Museum of Kyoto and inspected the canals where there are many beautiful Japanese Cherry Blossom trees.



November 2: We visited No.1 Canal of Lake Biwa and inspected the floodgate for controlling water. Lake Biwa is the biggest freshwater lake in Japan and we took tourist ship named Michigan to sight-see. It is beautiful and wonderful. We could find the exchanges about water carriage between Japan and USA. After visiting Nagoya we returned to Osaka.



November 3: I took flight MU730 from Kansai International Airport to Shanghai

Pudong International Airport, took flight MU5563 return to Xiamen University afterwards.

(b) Impressions and thoughts on the present state of science in Japan in your field

The Japanese Association of China Water Conservancy History was established early, which last more than four decades and has been encouraging, promoting the study of east asian conservancy history in general, fostering communication among scholars. All of these are admirable.

The Japanese academic circles study carefully and deeply, paying more attention to academic trends and information especially to historical data & local documents.

Inviting visiting scholars and holding symposiums is pragmatic and frugal but academia discussing seriously and earnestly.

(c) Comments or suggestions to HUTE, especially concerning this program

Hyogo University of Teacher Education is not a large university but attaches importance to academic communication and educational quality. There are excellent experts and teachers among the faculties. Oversea students ratio is higher than some other universities.

Thanks very much for being invited and I look forwards to HUTE continuing to support oversea researchers to study in Japan and cooperate with Japanese experts.

In addition to inviting teachers, I would like suggest to mutual translation of research publication, mutual support, mutual benefit and reciprocity. I have exchanged ideas with professor Matsuda about it and reached an initial agreement to translate Japanese papers into Chinese if it is possible.

(d) Other comments

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