## Beautiful memories in Yamaguchi

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Hello friends, I come from Nepal. I started my academic journey at Yamaguchi University in the 2012 in "Laboratory of reproductive physiology and management" under the supervision of Dr. Hiroya Kadokawa and graduated in September, 2017. I am very thankful to MEXT scholarships for supporting me to study in Japan. The technological advancement together with conservation of history and nature has made Japan



one of the best countries in the world. I feel lucky to observe her so closely.

Staying in Yamaguchi was full enjoyment for me. The geography and climate was similar to my hometown which made me feel comfortable during the early days. As I did not know Japanese language, communicating with the local people or shopping at the supermarkets was fun and a good way of learning Japanese language and adjusting to Japanese culture. The kind help I received from my supervisor and friendly Japanese and international friends in the lab made my stay smooth and happy. The natural beauty of Yamaguchi city and her helpful residents are very impressive. I hardly felt I was away from my home town. The years in Yamaguchi are memorable in many ways. I got married to Savita and became father of a son, Sion. I visited many places in Yamaguchi prefecture and many places in Japan (Tokyo, Osaka,

most important thing was that I could make many friends- Japanese and International. Along with academic activities, social activities organized by university and social organizations like Kaze-no-kai entertained international students and provided opportunity to interact with the local/international peoples and experience Japanese traditions and cultures.



Academically, Yamaguchi University introduced and taught me the advanced scientific knowledge and hence my interests in scientific research were intense. Along with the research work, I could also learn various practical aspects of life and this has widened my horizon of thinking. I am very thankful to my major supervisor Dr. Hiroya Kadokawa for his guidance and encouragement during my study. I am thankful to my co-supervisors for their guidances and the entire United Graduate School of Veterinary Science for their continuous help during my studies. I am also thankful to my labmates: Rudolf, Ayumi, Haruna, Asha, Urara, Midori, Onalenna and Taishi for helping me in every ups and downs.

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