# United Graduate School of Agricultural Sciences, Iwate University

# Voices of our Graduates



## A (Obihiro) Graduated in March 2012

I attended one training course in Japan at 2007 and decided to make further study in Japan. I got the information of United Graduate school of Agricultural Sciences (UGAS) from my senior who studied at UGAS. The research which I want to study also present in UGAS. Therefore, I chose UGAS for my doctoral study and joined at 2009.

It took about 14 months for accepting of my paper from submitting. After submitting of my paper to journal, I write my thesis regularly. Finally, I can finish my thesis on time for refereeing. I passed the exam.

Communication for science which hold at Hirosaki and met doctoral course students, and my seminar presentation at ILETS, UNESCO, Paris, France are good memories for my life during studying in UGAS.

#### B (Hirosaki) Graduated in March 2012

I came to Japan as a government scholarship student in 2008. Before that I have studied self-incompatibility of rosaceous plants for three years. I came to Hirosaki University because Hirosaki is the most important apple producing area in Japan and I could learn the most advanced cultivation technologies here.

I had a very happy time in the past three years, I visited more than ten citied all over Japan for domestic conferences and traveled to Canada for an academic conference, which expanded my vision and strengthened the communication with other researchers. Moreover, I tasted the 'Fuji' cultivated by the producer who got the award to the best apple producer in 2011, and I traveled around Hokkaido in the summer 2010 where I saw the UNESCO World Heritage site Shiretoko Peninsula and tasted the famous crab.

I will never forget these three years I live in Hiroskai and study in UGAS. Thank all the persons that helped me and wish them a happy life.

#### C (Hirosaki) Graduated in March 2012

Studying in UGAS is a memorable experience to me. During the last three and a half years, I have not only learned much about the specialist knowledge, but also learned much about Japan's agriculture. I was amazed when I first came to Japan that the agricultural products are of such high price. The curiosity of "why the agriculture in Japan and China is so different" prompted me to learn more about Japan's agriculture. It turned out that not only the advanced technique, which brings high quality of agricultural products, but also the developed system of agricultural industry, which guarantees and balances the interests of different sides, account mainly for the advanced agriculture of Japan.

Moreover, I acquainted myself more than before with Japan and Japanese culture. Although

Japan's and China's traditional culture share a lot in common, I experienced a lot of difference during my staying in Japan. The difference made me feel interesting, sometimes not accustomed, in the beginning. Along with more communication with the locals, I turned to understand and like the difference.

I believe that my experience in UGAS will help me a lot in my work in the future, and I wish a better future for UGAS.

## D (Obihiro) Graduated in March 2013

During I am studying as a doctorate student of UGAS, I achieved a grant of 300,000 yen provided by the 2011 UGAS-IU Student Research Project. In my 3<sup>rd</sup> year, I was awarded Outstanding Female Graduate Student in Research together with a research grant of 50,000 yen. These grants are a great support for accomplishment of my studies. Moreover, these grants activated my morality. For these reasons, I feel that I was lucky in studying as a doctorate student of UGAS-IU.

# E (Obihiro) Graduated in March 2013

With a lot of memories I finished my doctoral courses under the curricula of UGAS, Iwate University. First of all, I think the guidance of supervising professor is very important for a student. I was very lucky to be in touch with the supervision of Dr. Astuko Ueki sensei from whom I learnt a lot of things. I experienced many molecular researches for analyzing soil bacterial communities and got fruitful results to publish in reputed international journals. I was greatly impressed to participate in some international conferences and symposium during the period of my doctoral study. I was also happy to receive friendly attitude and helpful cooperation from all the staffs of UGAS.

Memories of Iwate Rendai



