

Weekly Report   Hokkaido University   Name Masaki Takehara

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Sept 9 (Sat)	No class
Sept 10 (Sun)	No class

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Sept 11 (Mon)	We took the first class in KU. We will study about pig for the next two weeks. Today We studied about pig management. There are a lot of things I learned for the first time. All of the members of my group are very kind and cheerful. So, I'm sure we'll become good friends and spend wonderful time.
Sept 12 (Tue)	We visited two pig farms today. It was first time I entered a pig farm except our university's farm. Piglets are so cute and I took many pictures. Sometimes I couldn't understand what our teacher said, but then Thai classmate helped me. Today's class last until midnight but I'm so happy to learn a lot of things...I think so from the bottom of my heart.
Sept 13 (Wed)	We had no class today, but instead, We made the report and prepared for Friday presentation together. Thai student led the works and we were just like assistants. So, I'll try to contribute to our team next time. Anyway, Thai food is very delicious and I'm happy today too.
Sept 14 (Thu)	We visited pig farm. It was very hot today. My Thai friend gave me mysterious powder they called cool powder. I said thank you and put it on my skin but I couldn't feel cool. The powder just made my skin turn white. I thought it was the powder that prevented my body from getting sweaty. I leaned a new thing today too.
Sept 15 (Fri)	We gave presentation about three pig farms we had visited this week. I think we had good presentation but I couldn't join the discussion. So, next week I will try to join them. Looking back on this week, It was sometimes hard to prepare for the presentation by midnight but the life in 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Thailand was totally wonderful for me.
Sept 16 (Sat)	No class
Sept 17 (Sun)	No class

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Sept 18 (Mon)	We took lecture about pig infectious diseases today. Dr. Koi gave us interesting and so funny lessons. We had to run to the hospital and check some drugs because we couldn't answer his question. I was surprised that Thai student knew a lot of knowledge. I must review the lessons I took in my university.
Sept 19 (Tue)	Today, we studied the way to make diagnosis in the virtual case. It was very interesting lesson but I could hardly open my eyes in the last 30 minutes. I deeply regret that and I will go to bed early tonight.
Sept 20 (Wed)	Last night, I went to bed by 10 O'clock but I was made to get up by loud sound at midnight. I opened the door and found My friend staying next room loudly knocked the door of her room. She said she couldn't enter her room because her roommate locked the door and fell asleep inside. Finally she could enter the room by the master key but I lack sleep today too.
Sept 21 (Thu)	We had one case of necropsy today. We collect some samples from aborted fetus and sent to laboratory to detect pathogen. However, the abortion had been occurred 1 month ago. That meant the samples we collected were too old to culture bacteria and our work came to nothing. But I want to say it was good experience for me. Even though we are going to make our presentation from now till midnight.
Sept 22 (Fri)	We gave presentation and discussed today. I could understand what the presenters said and have nice discussion. So, I felt my growth. Thank you very much for good lessons, teachers and my friends. By the way, some of my group members including me caught cold and being sick. We must get better by next week, the hardest week according to our seniors.
Sept 23 (Sat)	No class

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Sept 24 (Sun)	No class
Sept 25 (Mon)	Avian Unit started today. We went broiler farm and learned the way of farm management. This is the first time for me to enter a chicken farm. So, it was good experience for me. I'm in the avian disease team in my laboratory. So, I'll try to make a special effort in this unit.
Sept 26 (Tue)	Today, we visited another broiler farm by 6 Japanese students and 2 teachers. I could see a lot of chicks there. They are so cute. I want to feed them in my room if they didn't change their looks into adult chicken. The farm has some dead chicks and we will analyze the reason for homework.
Sept 27 (Wed)	We went hatchery farm today. This farm had strict biosecurity. We wrote our individual information and take disinfectant shower. Our staffs were also disinfected by UV. After the class, we left for Hua hin to attend the Opening ceremony of the hall and international conference of rabies.
Sept 28 (Thu)	Today, princess of Thailand came to the hall for the opening ceremony. We worked as staff of the ceremony and My job is to put a sticker on the participants. It reminded me of my part time job at Sapporo dorm. Anyway, It was good experience for me.
Sept 29 (Fri)	No, Class. (We came back from Hua hin)
Sept 30 (Sat)	We learned about gut health evaluation today. We did necropsy of chicken and scored their health. Most of chicken seemed to be infected with Eimeria spp. including my chicken. In this avian unit, we are feeling very serious atmosphere especially today. That may be because of the teacher's character but I had better not mention the reason here any moere.

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Oct 1 (Sun)	No, class
Oct 2 (Mon)	We had the presentation about vaccination of avian diseases. I was assigned IBD. My presentation had some mistake. I should have checked it more carefully.
Oct 3 (Tue)	We visited a layer farm today. This is the first time for me to visit layer farm. It was good experience. After that our teachers took us a temple that has a big Buddha. The temple was very beautiful but it was rainy and we got wet.
Oct 4 (Wed)	We gave a presentation about the broiler farm that we had visited last Tuesday. We could have good discussion. Thai student also had presentation about avian influenza. After the presentation we enjoy Quiz game about the topic. It was very fun.
Oct 5 (Thu)	We had a presentation about egg quality analysis. So, We had many presentations this week. Thai student looked tired because they had another assignment about duck farm. We Japanese student should try to help them for 'exam' on Friday.
Oct 6 (Fri)	This is the last day of poultry unit. We gave presentation about some analysis we had done this week. In really strict atmosphere, we gave the presentation managing not to make a mistake. It was like walking through a minefield. Finally, I could finish without mine explosion.
Oct 7 (Sat)	No class

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Oct 8 (Sun)	No class
Oct 9 (Mon)	We started to study fish management. I have little knowledge about fish, so I must try to study hard. I think It is a little hard but exciting because everything about fish management is new for me. Our teacher assigned a paper each two students and we will give the presentation about that on Thursday. I will enjoy cooperative work with a Thai student.
Oct 10 (Tue)	We visited fighting fish farm. It was first time for me to visit fish farm. We saw many small bottles closely packed on the floor. The fighting fish were fed in the bin one by one because they start fight if we put them together. And we discussed the problem of this farm. It was very interesting.
Oct 11 (Wed)	We gave presentation about fighting fish farm and discussed with our teacher. I could learn a lot about fish management. In afternoon, an arowana was carried into the hospital and we joined the treatment. It was good experience for me.
Oct 12 (Thu)	We gave presentation about our assignment of the paper. We prepare for this presentation till midnight every day in this week. It was hard work and I could learn a lot of things about fish industry and enjoyed cooperative work with my partner. So I do never mind the quality of our presentation anymore. Doing itself has meaning.
Oct 13 (Fri)	No class
Oct 14 (Sat)	No class

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Oct 15 (Sun)	No class
Oct 16 (Mon)	We started to study shrimp management. I have little knowledge about shrimp so I must study hard. I think I can do that because I really like shrimp dish. It is my motivation to study. We got homework about two topics, shrimp disease and water quality and we will give the presentation tomorrow.
Oct 17 (Tue)	We learned the way to manage water quality. I felt I could understand much more things than last week. After that, We did necropsy of snake head fish. It reminded me of my memory. When I was a child, I used to go to the river and pond to catch animals. For a little boy, snake head fish was great treasure. Finally, I couldn't catch the fish, but It is good memory for me. This case made me feel like going back to my home town .
Oct 18 (Wed)	We learned RT-PCR. I did laboratory work for the first time in about two months. I thought of my laboratory. How are they doing? My senior graduated and left our laboratory while I was in Thailand. The atmosphere of our laboratory must be more or less changed. I'll ask my labmate about that.
Oct 19 (Thu)	We visited shrimp farm today. It was first time for me to visit shrimp farm. A lot of shrimp produced in Thailand are exported to Japan. I must have eaten Thai shrimp in Japan before. So, It was good experience to know where the shrimp come from. I will remind this farm every time I eat shrimp in Japan.
Oct 20 (Fri)	We gave the presentation about the necropsy case and the farm we visited yesterday. After that we took paper exam. It was difficult for me because I had still little know ledge about shrimp. As I had expected, I got terrible score but It was best score in 3 Japanese students. We should have studied harder.
Oct 21 (Sat)	No class

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Oct 22 (Sun)	No class
Oct 23 (Mon) Chulalongkorn Memorial Day	No class
Oct 24 (Tue)	Today we had the case conference but I absent from that because I caught a cold. I had quite high fever and terrible headache. I'm sorry for making many friends worry. Actually, This is a kind of annual event for me. I don't know why but I get heavy cold every end of summer. It is worked even in Thailand. Autumn will come soon.
Oct 25 (Wed)	No class
Oct 26 (Thu)	No class
Oct 27 (Fri)	No class
Oct 28 (Sat)	No class



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Oct 29 (Sun)	No class
Oct 30 (Mon)	We started Bovine unit with a new guy from RGU. I'm happy to get a male friend because There were only 5 male students in this class till today. However, There is a point which concerns me. He is so handsome and very popular among Thai student. So, frankly speaking, I'm jealous.
Oct 31 (Tue)	We were given a task that we visit demonstration farm to find problems by ourselves and do some investigations for that. Today We went the farm and evaluated locomotion score. It was the first time for me to evaluate the score. I got good experience today too.
Nov 1 (Wed)	Our theme which we set is the relation between lameness and reproductive performance and the impact of mastitis in this farm. We will collect data and give presentation on Friday. We also had a class about rectal palpation today. We practiced the palpation with 13 cows. I got the improved technique and nice smell on my left hand.
Nov 2 (Thu)	I got good experience today too as I evaluated tit score. I was happy to learn a new skill. However, the data we collected didn't show the result we expected. So, we have to discuss and try to prepare a reasonable opinion by tomorrow.
Nov 3 (Fri)	We gave presentation about our research. Our teacher told us to review the statistical method. Statistic is very difficult for us, so all of us don't like it. However, we also well know that we can't avoid it. I'll try to be good friends with him.
Nov 4 (Sat)	No, class

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Nov 5 (Sun)	We had the examination of avian unit. Our teacher made rules which is “If you can’t pass the exam, you will have to show the dance”. So, we felt a big pressure. To overcome this hard exam, we decided to practice the dance. Today, it became clear that our decision was not wrong. I’m looking forward to show the dance to my friends.
Nov 6 (Mon)	In this week, we are divided into 3 group and visit dairy farms. Today we visited 5 farms with 2 teachers and learned the way to diagnosis and give treatments. It was good experience for me. And it was also fun because it was like driving trip.
Nov 7 (Tue)	Today our group stayed at the university hospital. Some cattle and goats were carried into the hospital and we helped the treatment. Thai friends have good skills to treat animals like blood collection, inject drugs and palpations but they always told me to do first. I tried to do but sometimes I couldn’t. Then I looked back and found they were laughing and just said “su-suna”.
Nov 8 (Wed)	I found that the stain of cow’s feces is not washed out in one wash. It means that however loudly you claim you washed the uniform, your Thai friends point at the brown stain and attack you saying “Hey, dirty man! Wash your clothes!” So, I have to wash my clothes again tonight.
Nov 9 (Thu)	We visited dairy farm today too. We usually go by a big car but we have 6 people and many staff to treat cows so, we don’t have enough space in the car. Today, It made me to maintain awkward position. I feel like my neck hurts a little. I know my tallness brought this harmful result, so I have no one to blame for it. If I had someone to blame, It might be my father, his height is 190 cm.
Nov 10 (Fri)	We had discussion with another group in Bovine unit. Each group gave the presentation and discussed the cases. Today, I could speak being relaxed. I had given many presentations in this program, so I got used to give presentation.

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Nov 11 (Sat)	No class.
Nov 12 (Sun)	No class.
Nov 13 (Mon)	We left for Bangkhen campus at 6 am to join exotic unit. I learned the way to diagnose exotic animals there. It was very interesting for me to treat exotic animals like turtle, rabbit, hedgehog, and so on. However, it was also very difficult because I had little knowledge about them.
Nov 14 (Tue)	Today we got a case of wild tree shrew, an animal looks like squirrel. He was chased by a dog and got injured. He was very aggressive and I was about to be bitten. Then one of my friends said 'Be careful. He might have rabies.' So, I put back my hand immediately. After that She was also attacked by him but she was laughing and said 'It's OK. We take rabies vaccine every year.' Thai students are very strong.
Nov 15 (Wed)	We gave a presentation about the case of exotic unit. Our group chose the case of red-eared slider. It was hard way to make the presentation because I was not familiar with turtles. However, It was good experience for me. I could learn the way to diagnose exotic animals and I think this is principle for all animals.
Nov 16 (Thu)	We left for Hua Hin to attend the meeting of EEHV on Friday. EEHV means Elephant Endotheliotropic herpesvirus. It kills many young Asian elephants every year. I'm looking forward to attend the meeting and visit night market in Hua Hin.
Nov 17 (Fri)	I could learn a lot about EEHV today. And I enjoyed night market. Actually, I was reluctant to go Hua Hin at first because we have the program even on Saturday. So, I had to cancel my weekend plan. However, It was very fun and interesting. I appreciate this chance now.

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Nov 18 (Sat)	We went to the national park to see wild elephants and gaurs. I was looking forward to see the gaurs because I have never seen it. In addition, We had watched the documentary about gaurs and it raised me up more. However, as you know, life is not going so well. I could only here their voice.
Nov 19 (Sun)	No class
Nov 20 (Mon)	We started clinical training of Bovine unit in Nhong pho. I had been looking forward to stay at the dormitory in Nhong pho because there are some rumors about ghost. I want to see ghost and observe the difference between Thai ghost and Japanese ghost. Today I couldn't see the ghost but I will find it in this week.
Nov 21 (Tue)	I heard footstep late last night. Someone seemed to walk around on our floor. I wandered who was there, so I opened the door and looked around. Then I felt something came close to my room. The footstep gradually became loud and loud... and I found a dog wagging its tail. Of course I had already realized it was a dog but you know I wanted a drama.
Nov 22 (Wed)	Thai friends told me that the room I'm staying at is 'special room'. It means that I might have an invisible roommate. (They should have told me that before I chose the room...) After that I looked around my room carefully and compared to other rooms. I found that my room seemed to be older and had many scratches on the floor. I don't want to sleep here now.
Nov 23 (Thu)	I could sleep well last night but My friends seemed not. They said Many harmful insects appeared in their room and they had to fight the insects. However, I've never seen insects, even a living thing in my room. I'm very happy but I don't know the reason and also I'm not sure whether the 'not living thing' is in my room or not .
Nov 24 (Fri)	No class

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Nov 25 (Sat)	No class
Nov 26 (Sun)	No class
Nov 27 (Mon)	It's the last, horse unit already. How time flies. We were divided into some groups and each group was assigned a horse. We take care of the horse during this unit. I have little experience of treat horse, so I will try to learn a lot about horse. I think this is the last chance in my university days to learn about horse.
Nov 28 (Tue)	We washed a horse in this morning. It was like car wash but horse wash was more fun. However, I don't want to believe it, I seem to have horse allergy, so my nose couldn't stop running. It continued till night. I'm likely to have heavy days in this unit.
Nov 29 (Wed)	Today we studied about our case, lameness by ourselves. We looked up information in the textbooks and websites. Looking back my life in Thailand, I did this work every night. This work is simple but It is sometimes difficult to find the information we want to know and this work drains a lot of energy. I'll be home late tonight too.
Nov 30 (Thu)	We discussed our case and studied more about lameness. It was tough work but I felt not so bad because I found the good way to spend break time, playing ping pong. I'll try to brush up my ping pong skill before I come back to Japan.
Dec 1 (Fri)	No class

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