



## The account of stay in University of Alberta

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I have been to University of Alberta located also in the State of Alberta of Edmonton in Canada. It's sound that as if I could use English well, which I will write the account of stay in Canada by English. However, I can hardly speak English, and I hate this kind of subject. (I may score 450 on the TOEIC test. Probably, many teachers of department of Macromolecular science are laughing.) Therefore, it is my purpose to put myself into English area forcibly and to study English.

The life in University of Alberta was a very peaceful life. The peace of Edmonton is better than that of Hawaii more than I experienced. But I visited there at the coldest season. The lowest temperature was recorded  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  on the previous day when I left. (When I walked outdoors as long as 5 minutes, the cola in the cup in my hand began to freeze !!)



An atmosphere of Stryker lab was very sociable atmosphere. Prof. Stryker was a frank and open-hearted professor. He knew full Japanese culture, especially meal culture, very well. Before leaving, he had taken me out for a sushi bar called Mikado ([www.mikadorerestaurant.com](http://www.mikadorerestaurant.com)). The sushi I ate in this bar was more delicious than the popular one of Japan. There is especially no unusual custom about a 1



life at his lab. There was a research seminar of his lab once a week, and one researcher give a seminar at every week. The lab has a fully large space and also had the experiment apparatus abundantly. Moreover, the large bench and a fume hood were given to per one researcher. As my having been most surprised, it is that there is



a faucet of distilled water. I cannot write down the details of the contents of the study at Stryker lab, as it collaborated with a company. If it can tell you simply, it was the fact that I studied synthesis of transition metal complexes having phenoxy ligand and their catalytic behavior for polymerization. Especially, I synthesized phenoxy ligand for two weeks. I finished the synthesis of that ligand the day before yesterday when I left. However it was regrettable that I could not synthesize the metal complex having phenoxy ligand because the length of stay was short.

Although my stay in Canada was the short term, it was a significant stay for me in order to know a life and culture of an overseas laboratory, and sociality. However, I realized that it is important to train English every day. If there is an opportunity to visit Canada, I hope to visit his lab again.

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