

Report of My Visit to Singapore as the ACP Lecture

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I was given an opportunity to visit two distinguished chemistry institutes in Singapore to give a talk entitled “C–C bond-forming addition reactions by cooperative metal catalysis” as the ACP lecture in the middle of September 2015. I sincerely thank Professor Teck Peng Loh at Nanyang Technological University for kindly inviting me and warm arrangement of my lecture tour. I herein report a brief summary of my trip in Singapore.

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I visited the department of chemistry of Nanyang Technological University and gave the forementioned lecture. I was hosted by Prof. Steve Zhou, and had opportunities to discuss about synthetic organic chemistry with him, Profs. Loh, Tan, Chiba, and Yoshikai. The lecture was followed by deep discussions about the mechanisms of our Ni/Lewis acid cooperative catalysis with Profs. Zhou and Chiba.



September 18, Friday

The second visit was to National University of Singapore. The visit was hosted by Prof. Zhao Yu. In this chemistry department, I enjoyed discussions about chemistry in detail with young Profs. Yu, Shaozhong, and We, working in the area of transition metal-catalyzed synthetic transformations and flow chemistry. I then enjoyed diner with Prof. Hayashi and sightseeing in the Chinatown area of Singapore to taste a fresh durian.



Overall, I have experienced warm welcome by many chemists and enjoyed discussion about chemistry with them. Particularly, meeting with young faculties, most of who are working very actively as a principal investigator was very stimulating and encouraging for me. I sincerely thank each host professor and the related faculties for kind hospitality and very active scientific and non-scientific interactions in Singapore, particularly in the anniversary year. Finally, I would like to thank the ACP program for financially supporting such a wonderful lecture trip to Singapore.