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It's essential for the library information and media studies' students to be exposed to different resources of knowledge. This will enhance their capabilities and will expand their awareness in the library information field. PhD students, specifically, have to work on this matter so the benefit will be enormous before and after graduation. This overseas training is one of the methods to achieve such goal. Therefore, I decided to apply for this overseas training grant, and appreciatively I was selected.

My research theme falls under the remote communication field, where remote people collaborate to achieve some specific goals. More specifically, my research deals with two common tasks which are:

- A) Remote meetings and
- B) Remote dining.

Regarding the remote meetings, it's important to build an environment where the participants will feel more comfortable. This will affect the meeting's outcomes, and transferring the knowledge will be much easier. Regarding the remote dining, sadly, the majority of the people around the world are forced to have their meals alone, away from the beloved one. My research will focus on building a remote dining environment, where people feel enjoyable and more connected to each other despite the fact that they are apart from each other.

The following are the list of objectives to be accomplished through the anticipated overseas training into Canada:

- Get firsthand experience on related researches from some universities as well as some private and public institutes.
- Explore the latest development in human computer interaction field [HCI] from the Canadian point of view.
- Get involved in some related projects as an external reviewer.
- Build a partnership to help in my current research and to run joint research in the future.
- Got my research evaluated and discuss the used research methodology in details with the mentioned universities' staff.
- Explore any new tools or techniques to be used in the research.
- Be aware of the new technologies and methodologies used in similar researches.
- Promotes the distinctive Japanese culture and research methodology to the research-staff in Canada.

Visiting University of British Columbia [UBC]

My main goal from this trip was to visit the Human Communication Technologies Research Laboratory at university of British Columbia for 4 days. This prestigious university had been chosen for this overseas training because it has similar research lab. It also works on similar projects like my research.



Therefore the benefit will be immense to my research. The following are the conducted training schedule at UBC:

Day 1: Introducing

- Visited the Human Communication Technologies Research Laboratory.
- Met the supervisor (Prof. Sidniy Feles) and the other staff in the mentioned research lab.
- Discussed my research and the used methodology.

Day 2-4: Working in the research lab

- Reviewed the currently running research projects.
- Collected research materials and papers.
- Got involved in the research process.



Visiting Kwantlen Polytechnic University

I visited the university for 1 day. During this visit I got introduced to some staff and to the wide range of courses that offered by the university. The university design and atmosphere was amazing.



Visiting Point Grey Research, Inc.

Point Grey Research, Inc. is a worldwide leader in the development of advanced digital camera technology products for machine vision, industrial imaging, traffic and surveillance, and computer vision applications. In my lab we are using one of this company's stereo vision cameras, the Bumblebee[®]2. During my visit to this company I had the chance to explore the new version of this stereo vision camera, the Bumblebee[®] XB3. Other cameras had been reviewed as well during this visit.



Visiting Libraries

During this visit, I stopped by 2 well-known libraries in Vancouver area. My goal from this visit was to familiarize myself with the new services they provide to the clients.

- **Visiting Vancouver Public Library**

Vancouver Public Library has twenty-two branches distributed across the city. In this trip I visited the Oakridge Branch in south of Vancouver city.



- **Visiting Richmond Public Library**

Richmond Public Library has been serving the Richmond, BC community since 1976. In this trip I visited the Ironwood Branch's in Richmond city.



Conclusion

This overseas training grant was an excellent opportunity for me to obtain the necessary information related to my research at the graduate school of library, information, and media studies. The visited universities' research lab and libraries were one of the reputable labs in my research field. The benefit was great to my research. It was a good experience and fun to travel to Canada.