

Report of NOWPAP-PICES Joint Training Course on Remote Sensing Data Analysis

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On October 21-25, NOWPAP-PICES Joint Training Course on Remote Sensing Data Analysis was held at Ocean University of China, Qingdao. I attended this training course as intern student.

In this five-day training course, we usually had the lecture by professors in the morning and the hands-on computer exercise in the afternoon. In the lecture we learned from basic concept of ocean remote sensing as introduction to more technical contents. In the hands-on computer exercise we were trained analysis methods of satellite image using two types of software; BEAM VISAT and WIM. Because marine science and remote sensing hadn't been familiar to me, it was very difficult for me to understand technical contents. But I felt it would have been very helpful to catch up with it that Power Point slides and other manuals they had been distributed to each participants about one week before this course, so that participants could have previewed them. All participants were not native English speaker, such consideration was important especially in the scene of International Cooperation.

Speaking about participants, they were from various countries such as China, Korea, Canada, Cameroon and Oman. It was very good that hot coffee and Chinese snacks or fruits were served in break time and we could communicate with each other. As an intern student, I could have managed more to make communication better among trainees and professors for good relation, I regret that point. For example, as there were many Chinese, I would have learned Chinese language and culture. And as I'm Japanese, I would have prepared something to introduce Japanese culture. One of us wore Japanese traditional costume, Kimono. I felt she was nice.

Although I feel sorry about myself that my English communication ability is not enough, it was very good experience that I could participate this training course which various countries' professors give us the latest remote sensing knowledge. Finally, I would like to appreciate all of you for giving me such a great opportunity.