

Travel report of USA in 2008

We went to Road Island, USA for joining both Food Processing Automation Conference and the Annual Meeting of ASABE from 26 June to 4 July 2008. Participants are Prof. Kondo, Associate Prof. Shimizu, Associate Prof. Nishizu, Master Course student Ohnishi, Shiigi and Yamamoto.



Flight plan ♪ ♪

Flight time was 13 hours from Narita airport to Providence airport (Road Island)!! We were able to see the newest movies in airplane!!

Road Island whose area is 4,000km² is one of the smallest states in USA. It is almost same area of Shiga Prefecture in Japan.



Imagination of America!?





We stayed at Radisson Hotel Providence Harbor. There were 4 pillows each bed for some reason. Is it American style? The scenery from this hotel was good because it was the ocean view hotel. (<http://www.radisson.com/providenceri>)

We went to a lot of shopping malls on 27 June!!

Difference from Japanese shopping malls is their scale. Many large size stores were in huge area. Most of American stores at the shopping malls have no second floor.



American foods we took are meat, potato and beer!! Their quantity was also very very large size!! We understood the reason why American people often get fat. But meat was very very very delicious~♪



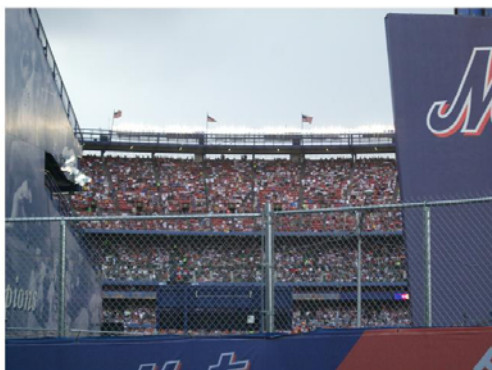
On 29, June, only students went to New York City.

Because we decided to visit New York City on the day, we quickly scheduled in a train.

There was a train station whose name was “New Haven (Heaven??)” which seemed to bring up the image of an idea which we feel comfortable.



At New York City, we went to Shea Stadium for watching a baseball game entitled “Subway confrontation” (Mets vs Yankees)!! But tickets were sold out. In tears, we returned back to Manhattan.



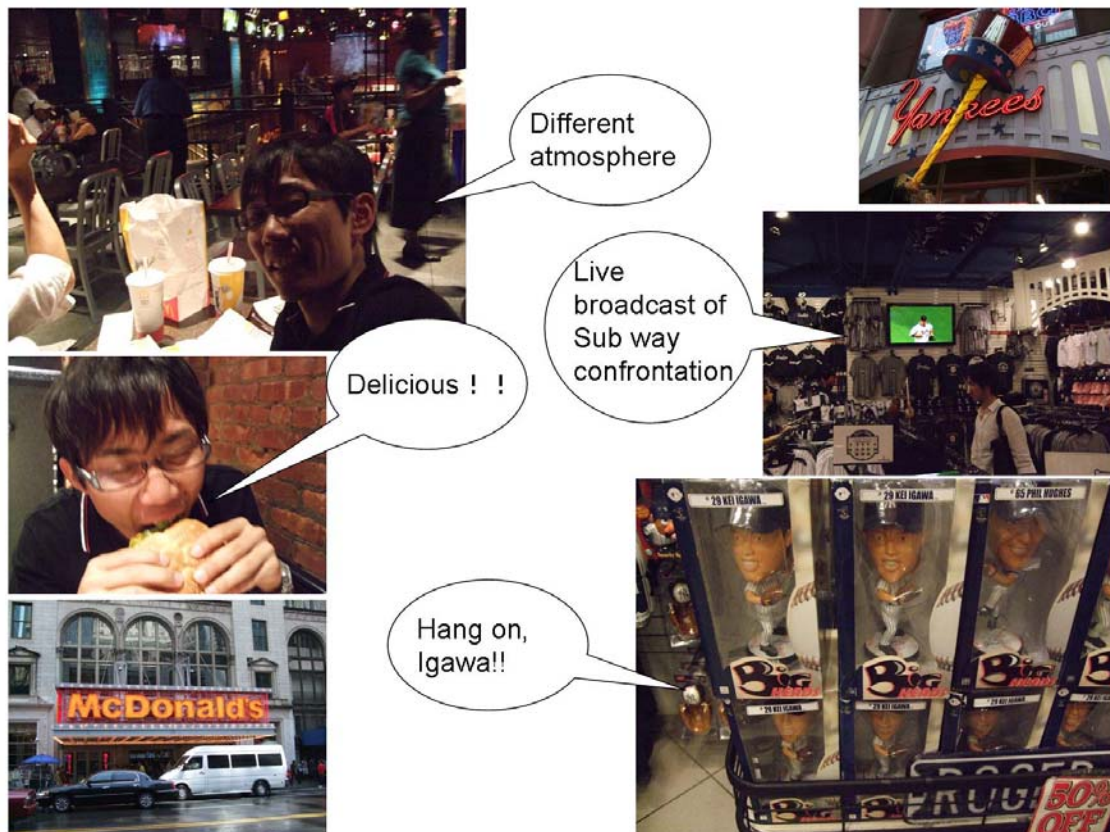
We went to Yankees shop for buying souvenir!! There were a lot of Yankees goods in the shop!!

We felt that Matsui had become very big player in USA because Matsui's doll was putted up in the shop. On the other hand, Igawa's big head was sold as 50% price off. Hang on, Igawa!!

"Subway confrontation" the game Metz and Yankees we missed was broadcasted on TV in the shop. It was very regretful we missed the game in the stadium.

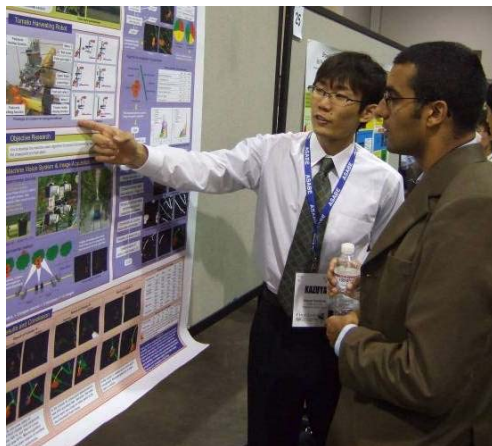
We went to real American McDonald's, because we were starved!!

That's New York!! Shop's atmosphere was different!!



We made a presentations on 30 June and 1 July. This is our main purpose to come here!!

We spent hectic days for discussions with researchers in the world!? We were very grateful to them because they tried to listen and talk to us about our presentations. We felt that we must study much more English.



On the final day, 2 July 2008, we went to Boston and Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

First, we went to the Boston Common which was the oldest park in USA. There were a lot of squirrels in this Common!!

We also went to MIT and Harvard University!! But we could not spend much time for them, because parking lot was very few and small.

Finally in Boston, we went to Fenway Park (the Stadium of Red Sox)!! There were a lot of Red Sox goods!!



We went to Cape Cod!!

We ate lobster at an ocean view restaurant!! Price was actual values!? We felt like putting on the ritz!! We drove there and arrived at the end of cape! We found empty shell of king crab!! We were surprised!



3 July 2008, Flight back to Japan

A Happening! Prof. Nishizu couldn't board our airplane to Chicago because he had a little trouble. We worried, but we met him at Narita airport in the evening on the day. We heard that he could take another flight via Washington DC.

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