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## Farewell note from Jose Carlos Rivas



First time I arrived at Misawa airport, I was received by JAEA staff, who provided me immediately with useful indications and besides with an apartment and a rental car. In fact, it was interesting that I started driving on the left side and with automatic gear first in my life after a thirty hour trip!

But once I recovered from jet-lag, I could find there wonderful nature and kind people, I felt in love with Rokkasho immediately. A nice, quiet village, still with all what is needed to live a modern and comfortable life standard.

At working place, I got a personal room to concentrate in my work. It really helped me to get the best performance of my effort. Also I had all what I needed to do my work. Therefore, working there was really pleasant.

I am grateful for the way IFERC organized work around me. First of all, IFERC objectives were clearly explained to me. Second, I was allowed to work without interference. Third, a team of experts were available to provide me valuable informations and auxiliary calculations.

As a result of all this, I could get the goals of my

research. At the beginning it seemed really difficult, but finally we could do it. That is because all of the people from Reactor System Design Research Group gave me a lot of help. Thank you so much, you are a great team.

Also I enjoyed nomikai parties with work colleagues, I really felt supported by them all the time. The japanese team experience was somehow new for me, as I was used to work on my own in Barcelona.

Besides, I enjoyed wonderful nature every weekend hiking in Shimokita, going to barbecues or participating in local festivals like the wonderful Nebuta at Aomori city, Neputa at Hirosaki and Sansha Taisai at Hachinohe.

Unforgettable memories, I highly recommend this experience to any european fusion scientist seeking for a change in personal life and career. Rokkasho is really an outstanding research site.

All the best

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(Dr. Rivas visited IFERC as National Expert seconded by EUROfusion from June to November 2014 and from April to September 2015)