現地レポート/GAJANANAN KUGAMOORTHY (School of Multidisciplinary Sciences Department: Informatics)

Destination country : Australia

Receiving Univ./institute : Queensland University of Technology

Period of study : From 12/01/2012 to 02/03/2012

DATE OF REPORT : 02/05/2012

Status of course/research progress

My purpose of this short stay study program is to conduct a driver behavior experimental study, which investigates a specific traffic scenario using the system I worked on earlier, at the Smart Transport Research center in Queensland University of Technology. The important task is to finalize the design of the study, supervise and collect meaning full data and write a publication.

Life situation

Thanks to the host supervisors Prof. Edward Chung and Dr. Marc Miska who arranged a safe accommodation with a family (here on host family) he knows. My host family provided all necessary help for me to settle in nicely in the new environment. The tremendous support from host supervisors and my host family regarding my life here, helped me focus on the research work I aimed to do, from the day one. I have been managing my daily life expenses as I planned in my budgets, thanks to my host family. I am enjoying an excellent working environment at the host university and Brisbane city in general.

Reporting other things

Research Announcements :

My first week was mainly about setting up the simulation environment that include all the necessary hardware and software, meeting with the research group at the Smart Transport Research Center, presenting about my research work and what I am planning to do in the coming weeks, to the members. Later I met with another research staff from Queensland University of Technology who share his experience about conducting driving simulation experiments. The following weeks were filled with tasks, that include testing with members of the lab and with invited researchers, filling application for ethical clearance to conduct the experiment, solving some technical and practical issues in using the simulation software, finalizing the experiment study design, discussing ideas on how to analyses the data and attending the weekly technical meeting with research groups members and so on.

Confirmation :

I have been working on the research work I intended to do on my short stay study program, I am confident about finishing the research work successfully with good results.

Trouble :

There hasn't been any trouble I experienced that I could report.