

EXPLORING THE RICHNESS OF KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURE:

A Journey through a Research Conference in Kyoto, Japan

The experience of attending International Conference of Bioscience, Biochemistry and Bioinformatics 2024 (ICBBB 2024) that took place in Kyoto University, from Jan 12 -15, 2024 offers numerous opportunities to enhance our professional knowledge, expand our professional network, and immerse ourselves in a new cultural experience.

The Setting: Kyoto's Timeless Charm

Kyoto is a unique city characterized by its well-preserved ancient architecture and serene gardens, which have been maintained in their original state for many years. With its UNESCO World Heritage buildings, tranquil temples, and impeccably preserved gardens, the city provides a compelling setting for tourists. The city's combination of contemporary elements and traditional aspects provides conference participants with a distinctive chance to fully experience Japan's diverse cultural heritage while actively participating in intellectual discussions.

The Conference: A Meeting of Minds

The study conference is a lively place where researchers from different fields - Bioinformatics, Bioscience, and Biochemistry, can share their latest discoveries, talk about ideas, and find ways to work together. Researchers from Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, China, Korea, Sweden, and other places attend the conference and bring a wide range of views to it. Each session opens the door to the vast world of academic study and encourages people to look for new ways to do things in their own fields. During the conference, we presented our research findings entitled “Discovering dengue antiviral lead compounds from existing medications using in silico target prediction and subsequent in vitro confirmation” and “Molecular interactions of kratom alkaloids: Mitragynine, 7-hydroxymitragynine and mitragynine pseudoindoxyl with DPPC lipid bilayers”. We were pleasantly surprised to receive the award for best oral presentation in our session, a recognition that fills us with immense pride and gratitude.



Cultural Excursions and Culinary Delights: Discovering Kyoto's Treasures

A trip to Kyoto is not complete without experiencing its rich culture. Between conference sessions, attendees can explore the city's historic streets, admire ancient buildings, and enjoy the natural beauty of Arashiyama. Most attractions are within walking distance, but you can also take the bus or train to get to places farther away.

Kyoto's food scene is a must-try for all visitors, with Halal options available to cater to Muslim travelers. From savory Wagyu Beef to flavorful Ramen and delicate Sushi, these culinary delights are easily accessible within walking distance from Kyoto's city center. They offer a delicious taste of Japanese culture while accommodating various dietary preferences.

In conclusion, a journey to Kyoto for a research conference is more than just a professional commitment; it is a profoundly intellectual, and enlightening experience that integrates scholarly investigation with cultural immersion. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to UiTM for funding our trip to this conference event.



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