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Dear Akira,

I would like to thank you very much for giving me the opportunity of spending three months in the Research Center for Molecular Thermodynamics of the Osaka University for the second time. I spent most of the time working on the quasi-elastic neutron scattering results obtained at JAERI for 5*CB. The interpretation of the results turned up to be more complicated than expected so it seems we will have to do some more work on it.

After spending three months in Osaka two years earlier I came to Japan quite sure of myself with an attitude "I know Japan – nothing will surprise me". Of course I was wrong and many things did surprise me. But there was one thing that did not change and was exactly as I remembered it: the hospitability and friendliness of you and your coworkers that created so fantastic atmosphere in your laboratory.

My second stay in Japan allowed me to look a little deeper into some things. For example I began to appreciate the Japanese food. I liked very much nabe at the party at laboratory and specially sukiyaki at the very nice party at your place. I discovered shochu as well... I also began to notice the beauty and peacefulness of the rock gardens in the Zen temples, for example in Konchi-in and Nanzenji Temples in Kyoto. This time I have also seen – or maybe even taken part in – some traditional Japanese festivals like Shitennoji Temple "Doya! Doya!" Festival, the Lantern Festival in Kasuga Taisha Shrine in Nara and Hinamatsuri. I was also able to see the importance of sakura for people in Japan. Although I left Japan just before the official beginning of the cherry blossom season I managed to see the trees in blossom and now I fully appreciate the beauty of Japanese gardens.

Besides the work connected with the neutron scattering results I had again the unique opportunity of assisting your younger colleagues in the calorimetric measurements. I have also the pleasure of discussing not only the neutron results but also some other interesting subjects with you and also Professor Sorai and Professor Matsuo. Besides I would like to thank Hal Suzuki and Oscar Camacho for their help in every-day matters and also for interesting discussions.

I am very happy to know you have recently measured the quasi-elastic neutron scattering spectra for other substance of common interest, namely 8*OCB, since I am sure it will help our fruitful cooperation to continue in the future. I hope we will meet again either in Japan or in Poland soon.

with warmest wishes

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