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My Unforgettable Days in LDR

In the summer of 2006, I joined LDR as a summer student, working on the project of “eye development in drosophila with polyglutamine disease”, which comprised the fields I am quite interested in: genetics and neurology.

The days in LDR, just like I imagined, were full of joy and gain. As it was my first experience in research laboratory, there were lots of things to learn other than the techniques. Professor Edwin prepared for us many useful materials related to laboratory skills, and our lab-mates were always very helpful when I encountered some puzzles. Such a thriving and friendly environment taught me by itself the spirit of research. From the mid of May, we have started learning the basic techniques related to the project. I, together with 2 other summer research students, an M. phil student and a FYP student worked on this project. We held a lab meeting every Tuesday to keep up with our process, and make the plan for the next week. I have learnt a lot in those days, like being investigative in the principles and hypothesis underlying the project, being adept in techniques for our project, being responsible for what I did, and what I took care of, and being considerate when working with my accompanies. What is more, the lab meeting of the whole lab after the summer period showed me a more in-depth picture of the workings and accomplishments of other LDRians. And after each presentation, everyone participated actively in the Q & A section, through listening to the presentation and asking questions, I gained the knowledge in various topics more than my project.

We also had very interesting extra-laboratory activities, like the gathering-dinner after the summer period, BBQ in this Christmas holiday. All these make me feel that LDR is like a big family, where every member endeavors to reach the goal. I will always treasure the days in LDR, and in the fifth birthday of LDR, I would like to say: Happy Birthday to LDR!!

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