

My Experiences in Japan



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Where the hell is Okayama?



Home for 2 years



Dept of Pharmaceutical Sciences



Not the biggest office.

What is Okayama known for?

Okayama-jo



Momotaro matsuri



Korakoen-one of Japans big 3



Bizen-yaki



White peaches

Work



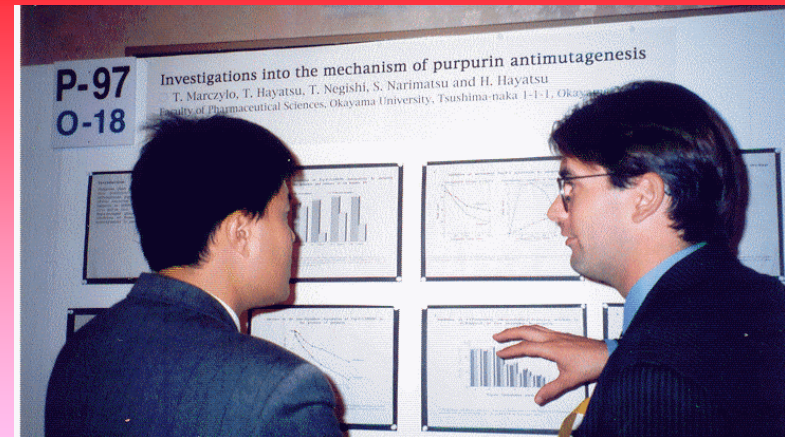
Tea room...don't forget the omiagi



One week in Sapporo to learn new techniques



Conferences in Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima, Bangkok and Copenhagen



Not all work...



Karaoke



Annual lab outings



Graduation



Friends...



*Frank the
barman from
Dudley*



*Chris, Tandia
and Bernard*



The Aussies



Kurashiki Bulls



Only the Gaijin on the beach

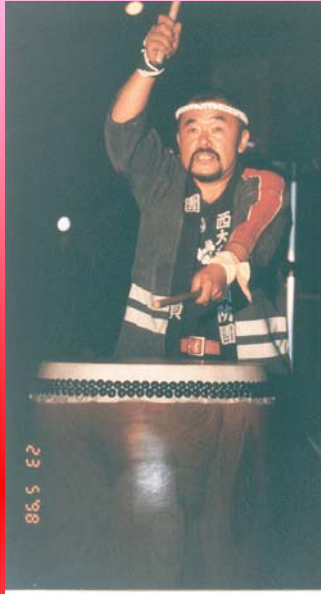
Things to see...

Lots of castles.



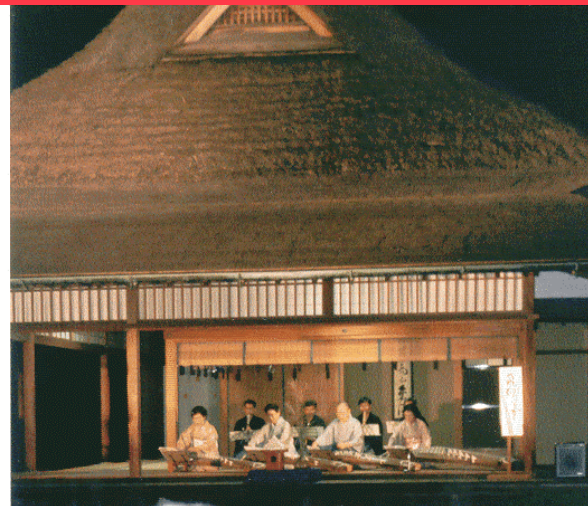
*Loads of
temples and
shrines*

But plenty more besides....



Taiko

*Kurashiki
International
arts and
music festival*



Koto

Shamisen



Matsuri...festivals



New Year



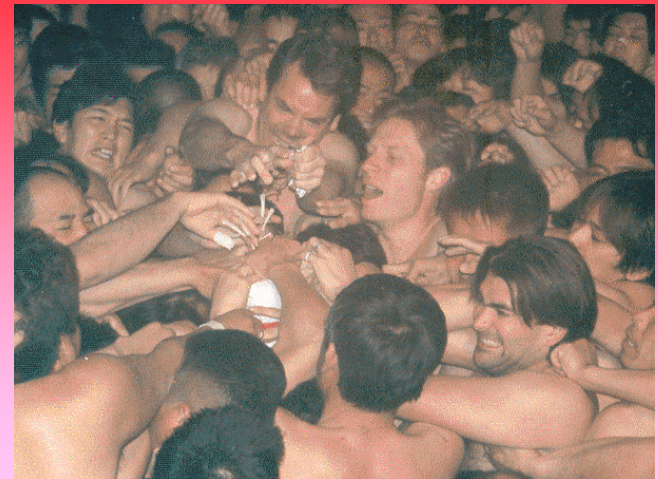
Shichi-go-san



Tai amí



Firewalking at Saidaiji



Hadaka (Naked man) festival

Onsen



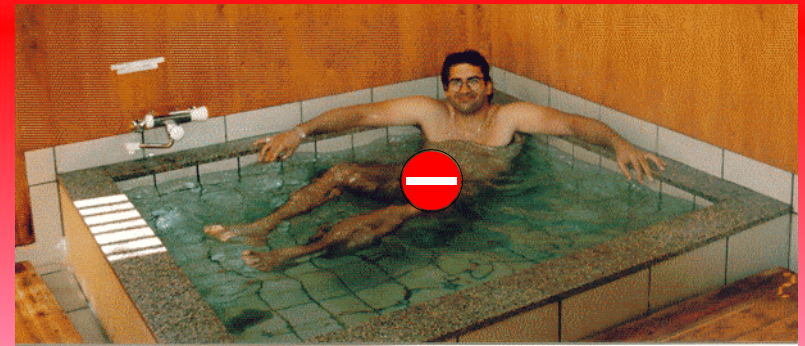
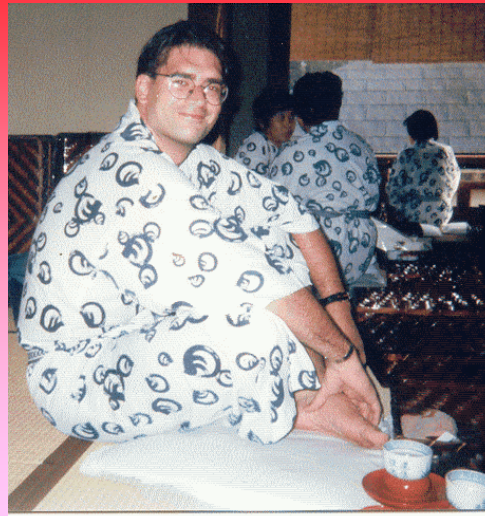
Yufuin



Dogo Onsen



Baby boiling



International Villas

The Road less travelled...



Bitchu-Kokubunji



International Villa, Hattoji



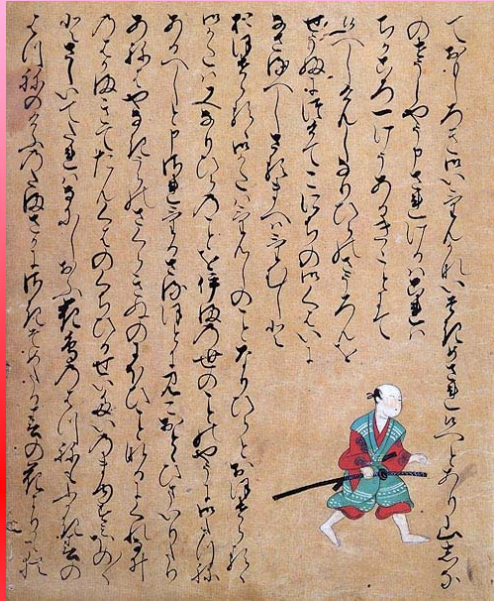
Shodoshimi



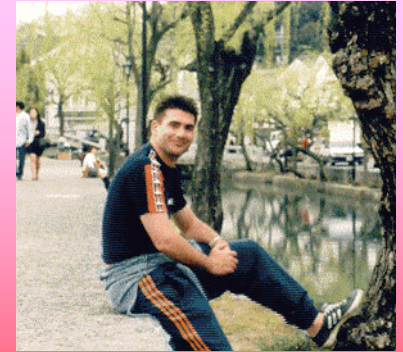
Momiji, Go-kei

Problems

Language



If you catch a fish, be prepared to eat it...raw



Shop around for a good haircut

If you don't like these..



If you have big feet and a big head, hiring things can be difficult

The End



Or is it?

Back in Okayama to give a presentation December 2004

