

My Background

- 1992/93 JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship at Kyoto University
- 2000 Visiting scientist at Chuo University / Tokyo
- 2004 Visiting professor at Osaka University
- 2008 Visiting professor at Osaka Prefectural University
- 2012 JSPS short-term fellowship at Kyoto University
- 79 scientific lectures given in Japan during 16 visits



- New culture and different environment
- Language / Communication
- Most Japanese can understand English, but cannot speak
- Japanese is a quite difficult modern language combination of three different scripts



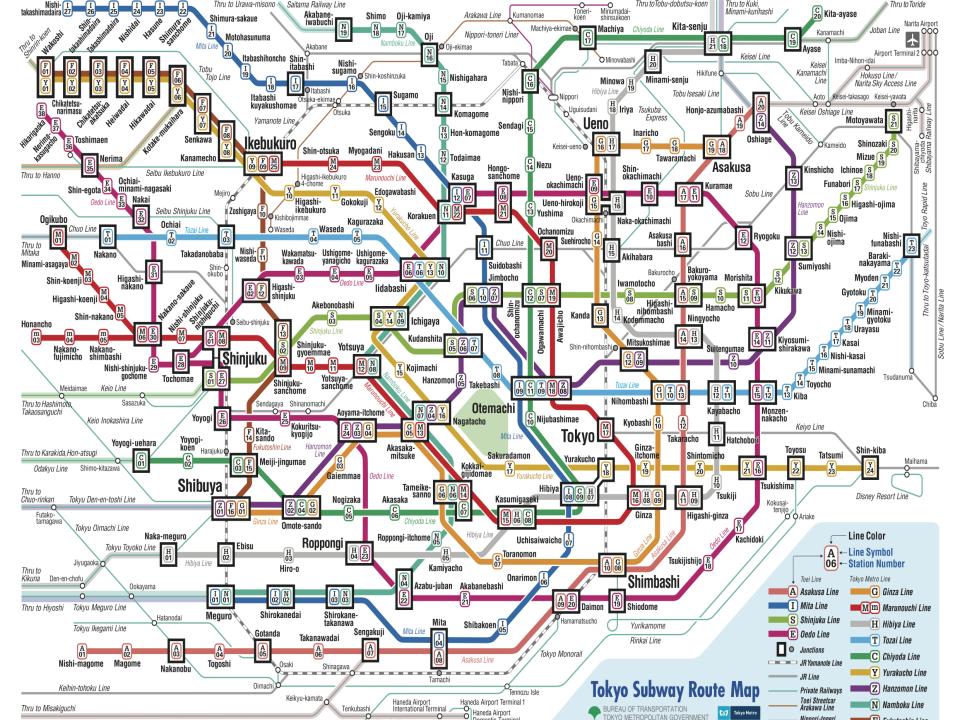
Scientific life

- Working conditions are different
- Good facilities
- Staff is extremely polite and helpful
- Working hours can be different
- Build lots of contacts during your work

Life in Japan

- Accommodation: University Guest Houses, weekly/monthly mansion, rented apartment (guarantor/deposit necessary)
- Money: Cash oriented, foreigners can open bank account easily (easier with help of host)
- Transportation: Excellent train system, buses can be complicated, taxis expensive, hire car with UK driving licence, bicycles
- Communication: Mobile Phone / email culture







Life in Japan

- Eating: large variety of exciting food, some restaurants have English menus, almost all restaurants have pictures/plastic models of food
- Leisure: Traditional Japanese events: Matsuri, Hanami, Hanabi, Onsen, Sports
- Sightseeing: Many interesting places in big and in small cities and also in rural parts





The way to Japan is long – and the way to understanding Japan might be even longer.

Take your chance and enjoy Japan – scientifically and personally.

Act as an ambassador to enhance science and become a bridge between the U.K. and Japan.