











Souvenir from Russia by  
Dr. Tatiana Alexandrovna BARSUKOVA

Dr. Md Abdus SALAM  
(Bangladesh/2013-06)  
September 21, 2015

Hope this mail will find you in good health and working mood. I'm doing fine. I always remember you all after my return and I received all your mails. Thanks for remembering me as MIF fellow. We are going to celebrate Edul Adha on Friday 26th of this month the 2nd largest festival of Muslim community. On eve of the occasion I like to send my gratitude to all the MIF staffs and Fellows. Please accept my EID Greetings.

Sincerely Yours,

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Dr. John CASSIDY  
(Ireland/1988-13)  
September 30, 2015

Many thanks for your wishes. I am busily teaching in the Dublin Institute of Technology, where I have worked since my visit to Japan. I have very fond memories and still correspond with Professor Tokuda, My life is busy but fulfilled. I hope all is well with yourself and members of MIF.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Palikone THALONGSENGCHANH  
(Laos/2005-02)  
October 5, 2015

The first I would like to thank you very much again for kind sending the Newsletter No.32 June 2015 to me, my name is Palikone THALONGSENGCHANH who was obtained the MIF Fellowship for visiting professor in Japan at Kyoto University 2005 and for the Postdoctoral fellowship in year 2008. So I never forget all thing during my stay in Japan two times, I and my family are fine and very happy with our life in Lao PDR, and also we got one more Kid (Son) after back home from Japan, now he is Seven old years, we call given his nickname by Japanese name as Nihongko ! (Mr. Anouluck), he study in the 3rd class prime school, we do hope our children's (Daughter and Son) will be come to visit and study in Japan in the future. The Government just has appointment and sent me come to work in the new Office and new position (The National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute, under Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry) We always are keeping in the memory for the next grandchildren ... !!!

Best regards,

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Dr. Arun KUMAR  
(India/1989-02)  
December 27, 2015

I would like to send my greetings and warmest wishes for the New Year (2016) to all the staff of The Matsumae International Foundation and the MIF fellows all over the world.

I was a MIF fellow from India in 1989 and worked with Prof. K. Takahashi of Nagasaki University. It has been long time since then but my memories of Japan are very fresh. The vivid images and extraordinarily rich experience of the study tour along with MIF fellows and staff will last forever in my mind. Constant supply of annual Newsletters and publications listing all the MIF fellows along with their photographs helped me to remember my days in Japan.

After returning from Japan I worked as a geologist with Oil & Natural Gas Corporation of India. In 1996 I joined Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada as a research associate. Later I also worked as an exploration geologist for various oil companies in the Middle East and North Africa. I also continued teaching and research at various universities. I have published extensively on my researches on various topics in Earth and Environmental Sciences. Recently I along with a colleague edited a special issue on Paleotsunami which contains articles by experts with examples from different parts of the world. Since tsunamis are a major threat to the world especially to Japan I would like to present this work at MIF Anniversary Symposium in future.

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Dr. Amir Reza ZARRATI  
(Iran/1999-10)  
December 28, 2015

I am a MIF fellow coming to Japan in 1999. I did my studies in University of Tokyo. After these many years I do

not forget my good memories from Japanese people and this beautiful country. I always wish to find another opportunity to visit Japan and University of Tokyo. I would like here to thank again the founders of MIF for providing such a valuable opportunity for me. My sabbatical in Japan was full of scientific and life experience.

In the beginning of the new year I would like to wish happiness and peace for all people around the world. Though the condition in the world is not good and many people are suffering from war and famine, let us pray for more understanding and cooperation among all nations for a better world.

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Dr. Margarita MILANOVA  
(Bulgaria/2014-07)  
January 6, 2016

It is Margarita writing. I hope that this letter finds you in good health and nice spirit. I am sorry, that I have not written for a long time. Last months, it is a bit hard for me to organize myself. After my returning to Bulgaria, I needed some time to calm and to get back to my usual way of life, which took more time than I expected, because my stay in Japan, was really so great and exciting. Even now, more than one year later, while I am writing you this letter, the memories from Japan came back so alive and it is hard to me to express how happy and grateful I feel to all of you from MIF and also to Professor Tatsumisago, which was my host scientist in Osaka, for this great chance to visit your wonderful country.

First of all, I would like to wish you personally and to all MIF staff a happy new year, much health, good luck and prosperity.

Secondly, I would like to apologize for the delay of my report that I needed to send to MIF, about my stay in Osaka Prefecture University. I decided



Souvenir from Mali by  
Dr. Adama Telly DIEPKILE









At Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima



At Mt. Misen, Miyajima

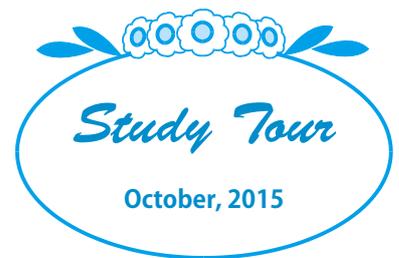


Participants:

Dr. WAH WAH AUNG (Myanmar), Dr. Mirela KOPJAR (Croatia), Dr. PHAM Duc Tri (Viet Nam), Dr. Sasa ZELJKOVIC (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Dr. Marina GAKHUTISHVILI (Georgia), Dr. Om Nath KATEL (Bhutan), Dr. Dimitar Georgiev VALCHEV (Bulgaria), Dr. Carlos Luis SALINAS LARECA (Venezuela), Dr. Nodirali NORMAKHAMATOV (Uzbekistan), Dr. Arunya JIRAVIRIYAKUL (Thailand), Dr. Maurice Ducret AWOUAFACK (Cameroon), Dr. Olufunmilayo Gbonjubola OYERO (Nigeria), Dr. Gibril Elamin MAGDI ELAMIN (Sudan)



At Nijo-jo, Kyoto



At Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima



Participants:

Dr. Venkata Subbaiah EDUPALLI (India), Dr. Davran OTA-JANOV (Uzbekistan), Dr. Thanyarat JITPEERA (Thailand), Dr. Aleksandar CVETKOVIC (Serbia), Dr. Tatiana Alexandrovna BARSUKOVA (Russia), Dr. Ibrahim Saleh Ahmed ABDALLAH (Egypt), Dr. Anissa AOUNI (Tunisia), Dr. Sello Alfred LIKUKU (Botswana), Dr. Danka BUKVICKI (Serbia)

# Greeting Cards from MIF Research Fellows

(Received in the period from December 2015 through February 2016.)



|                        |                                   |                |  |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Argentina              | Dr. Victoria Maria MUNIZ SAAVEDRA | P.R. of China  | Mr. PANG Hongyan                         |
| Bangladesh             | Mr. Khondkar Reza-e RABBANI       |                | Mr. WANG Huafu                           |
| Belgium                | Dr. Jacques TEGHEM Jr.            |                | Mr. WANG Sheng                           |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Dr. Sasa ZELJKOVIC                |                | Dr. LIANG Dongfang                       |
| Bulgaria               | Dr. Dimitar Georgiev VALCHEV      | Panama         | Dr. Aristides QUINTERO RUEDA             |
| Chile                  | Dr. Gipsy TABILO-MUNIZAGA         | Peru           | Mr. Luis ESPINOZA BONILLA                |
| Croatia                | Dr. Marilena IDZOJIC              | Poland         | Dr. Zbigniew PALKA                       |
|                        | Dr. Bozica SORGIC                 |                | Dr. Piotr SALANSKI                       |
|                        | Dr. Pavle PANDZIC                 | Romania        | Dr. Elena Maria (SANDULESCU) ROPER       |
|                        | Dr. Mirela KOPJAR                 |                | Ms. Simona Ioana VICAS                   |
| Czech Republic         | Dr. Vaclav PAIDAR                 | Russia         | Dr. Tatiana Alexandrovna BARSUKOVA       |
|                        | Dr. Jiri ERHART                   | Serbia         | Dr. Ljiljana RADONJIC                    |
|                        | Dr. Pavel PAVLICEK                |                | Dr. Danka BUKVICKI                       |
|                        | Dr. Martin DRAHANSKY              | Slovakia       | Dr. Jaroslav JAROS                       |
| Ecuador                | Ms. Carmen PROANO                 |                | Dr. Viliam SNABEL                        |
|                        | Mr. Mario Gonzalo ARTEAGA MACIAS  | Spain          | Dr. Rodrigo MARTINEZ-VAL                 |
| Estonia                | Dr. Vahur VALVERE                 |                | Dr. Aranzazu GONZALEZ CANGA              |
|                        | Dr. Ivar TALVIK                   | Sri Lanka      | Dr. Piyasiri Abeysinghe Jayawardane YAPA |
| Ethiopia               | Dr. Getachew HAILU                |                | Dr. Pannipitiye G. Ralalage DHARMARATNE  |
| F.R. of Germany        | Dr. Boris KASPER                  |                | Dr. Kamani Ayoma P. W. JAYATILAKA        |
| Hungary                | Dr. Laszlo CZAKO                  | Switzerland    | Dr. Peter Johann WALDE                   |
|                        | Dr. Agota TOTH                    | Thailand       | Ms. Sopana BOONYAPIWAT                   |
|                        | Dr. Eva FAZAKAS                   |                | Dr. Joompol SANGUANSIN                   |
| India                  | Dr. Arun KUMAR                    |                | Ms. Arunee VEENIN                        |
| Indonesia              | Dr. Abdul Hamid BUDIMAN           |                | Dr. Watcharaphong ANANCHUEN              |
| Ireland                | Dr. John CASSIDY                  |                | Dr. Dumrongkiet ARTHAN                   |
| Latvia                 | Dr. Karina (IVANOVA) SPUNDE       |                | Dr. Songyot ANUCHAPREEDA                 |
|                        | Dr. Ilja GALKINS                  |                | Dr. Kulthida VAETEEWOOTTACHARN           |
| Lithuania              | Dr. Jurate SIUGZDAITE             |                | Dr. Rakrudee SARNTHIMA                   |
|                        | Dr. Vilma KISNIERIENE             |                | Dr. Chivalai TEMIYASATHIT                |
| Madagascar             | Dr. Jean Masy RAMILISON           | Tunisia        | Dr. Anissa AOUNI                         |
| Malawi                 | Dr. John Stephen KAUTA            | Turkey         | Dr. Gorun ARUN                           |
| Malaysia               | Dr. Shing Chiang TAN              |                | Dr. Melih GENIS                          |
|                        | Ms. Bee Kin THI                   |                | Dr. Veysel ZEDEF                         |
| Mongolia               | Dr. Tumenbayar BAATARYN           | Ukraine        | Dr. Vyacheslav A. RAFALSKY               |
|                        | Dr. Enkhbat RENTSEN               |                | Dr. Larisa V. BOGUTSKAJA                 |
| Myanmar                | Dr. Myint Swe KHINE               | United Kingdom | Dr. Niel A. McDOUGALL                    |
| New Zealand            | Dr. Charmian Jocelyn O'CONNOR     | Uzbekistan     | Dr. Gulnora (BEGBAEVA) TANATAR           |
| Nigeria                | Dr. Michael Ayodele ODENIYI       |                |  |

**MIF also received greeting messages through e-mail from many MIF Research Fellows.**



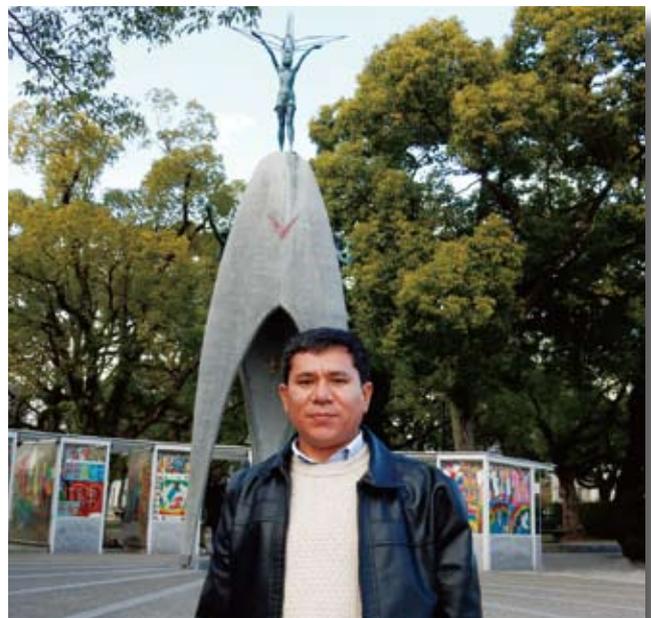
▲ At the Tokai University Club, September 7, 2015



At MIF office, February 22, 2016 ▶



▲ Dr. Simon Robert HALL (United Kingdom) visited Itsukushima Shrine, Miyajima on August 8, 2015.



▲ Dr. Otabek BURKHONOV (Uzbekistan) visited Peace park in Hiroshima on February 3, 2016.

# Snap Shots



◀ Dr. Eduardo A. LOBO ALCAYAGA (Chile: 1987-22) visited MIF office on May 14, 2015.



▲ Dr. Ilja GALKINS (Latvia: 2002-11) visited MIF office on November 6, 2015.



▲ Dr. Oyewale TOMORI (Nigeria: 1983-13) visited MIF office on December 18, 2015.



▼ Dr. Denise Paranagua VEZOZZO (Brazil: 1997-07) visited MIF office on February 29, 2016.

Dr. Malyn UNGSURUNGSIE (CHULASIRI) ▶ (Thailand: 1990-02) visited MIF office on January 20, 2016.



▲ Dr. Ian DUTTON (Australia: 1990-13) visited MIF office on May 13, 2016.



Dr. Dilshod SHAKAROVA (Uzbekistan: 2011-06) ▶ met with Prof. Dr. Hirohisa UCHIDA, the Chair of MIF, at Tashkent, May 14, 2016.

# INFORMATION on MIF RESEARCH FELLOWS

( since 1980 to 2015 )

## 1. by Gender

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Male .....   | 539 |
| Female ..... | 207 |

## 2. by Countries

### Asia ( 224 )

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| P. R. of China ..... | 41 |
| India .....          | 36 |
| Thailand .....       | 22 |
| Bangladesh .....     | 14 |
| Indonesia .....      | 14 |
| Myanmar .....        | 14 |
| Philippines .....    | 14 |
| Viet Nam .....       | 14 |
| Malaysia .....       | 11 |
| Pakistan .....       | 11 |
| Sri Lanka .....      | 9  |
| Mongolia .....       | 8  |
| Nepal .....          | 8  |
| Korea .....          | 2  |
| Laos .....           | 2  |
| Singapore .....      | 2  |
| Bhutan .....         | 1  |
| Taiwan .....         | 1  |

### Pacific ( 7 )

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Australia .....   | 4 |
| New Zealand ..... | 2 |
| Fiji .....        | 1 |

### Middle East ( 66 )

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Turkey .....       | 17 |
| Iran .....         | 10 |
| Iraq .....         | 9  |
| Jordan .....       | 8  |
| Israel .....       | 7  |
| Syria .....        | 6  |
| Oman .....         | 5  |
| Saudi Arabia ..... | 3  |
| Lebanon .....      | 1  |

### Africa ( 134 )

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Egypt .....   | 24 |
| Nigeria ..... | 21 |
| Kenya .....   | 14 |
| Sudan .....   | 9  |

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Tanzania .....       | 8 |
| Cameroon .....       | 7 |
| Uganda .....         | 7 |
| Ethiopia .....       | 6 |
| Morocco .....        | 5 |
| Cote d'Ivoire .....  | 4 |
| Ghana .....          | 4 |
| Rwanda .....         | 4 |
| Tunisia .....        | 3 |
| Zambia .....         | 3 |
| Burundi .....        | 2 |
| D. R. of Congo ..... | 2 |
| Madagascar .....     | 2 |
| Algeria .....        | 1 |
| Benin .....          | 1 |
| Botswana .....       | 1 |
| Eritrea .....        | 1 |
| Guinea .....         | 1 |
| Liberia .....        | 1 |
| Malawi .....         | 1 |
| Senegal .....        | 1 |
| South Africa .....   | 1 |

### North America ( 12 )

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| U.S.A. ....  | 8 |
| Canada ..... | 4 |

### Latin America ( 78 )

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Cuba .....       | 13 |
| Argentina .....  | 10 |
| Brazil .....     | 9  |
| Mexico .....     | 9  |
| Colombia .....   | 8  |
| Chile .....      | 7  |
| Ecuador .....    | 5  |
| Peru .....       | 5  |
| Jamaica .....    | 2  |
| Panama .....     | 2  |
| Paraguay .....   | 2  |
| Uruguay .....    | 2  |
| Venezuela .....  | 2  |
| Bolivia .....    | 1  |
| Costa Rica ..... | 1  |

### Europe ( 225 )

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Poland .....                    | 15 |
| Uzbekistan .....                | 14 |
| Bulgaria .....                  | 13 |
| Hungary .....                   | 13 |
| Russia .....                    | 13 |
| Romania .....                   | 11 |
| Ukraine .....                   | 11 |
| F. R. of Germany .....          | 10 |
| Italy .....                     | 10 |
| Czech Republic .....            | 9  |
| Spain .....                     | 8  |
| Serbia .....                    | 7  |
| Croatia .....                   | 6  |
| Slovakia .....                  | 6  |
| Albania .....                   | 5  |
| Armenia .....                   | 5  |
| Belarus .....                   | 5  |
| Georgia .....                   | 5  |
| Portugal .....                  | 5  |
| United Kingdom .....            | 5  |
| Lithuania .....                 | 4  |
| Sweden .....                    | 4  |
| Finland .....                   | 3  |
| Greece .....                    | 3  |
| Iceland .....                   | 3  |
| Ireland .....                   | 3  |
| Kazakhstan .....                | 3  |
| Latvia .....                    | 3  |
| Netherlands .....               | 3  |
| Austria .....                   | 2  |
| Belgium .....                   | 2  |
| Bosnia and<br>Herzegovina ..... | 2  |
| Estonia .....                   | 2  |
| France .....                    | 2  |
| Moldova .....                   | 2  |
| Norway .....                    | 2  |
| Slovenia .....                  | 2  |
| Azerbaijan .....                | 1  |
| Kyrgyz .....                    | 1  |
| Switzerland .....               | 1  |
| Tajikistan .....                | 1  |

**Total: 746 Research Fellows from 114 countries**