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It was my pleasure to attend the 14th Annual Meeting of Asian Pacific Society Neuroscience in Kuala Lumpur, August 27-30. This was my first time to attend APSN and it was a tremendous learning experience that enriched not just knowledge about biology but my personal life as well.

The conference covered the neurochemistry, including biochemical, clinical, chemical, molecular biological and pharmaceutical aspects. It has more than 250 participants from 22 countries to present their recent works in the neurochemistry. It was an excellent environment to share my research with others and gain further experience from experts in this field. For instance, I attended a group seminar hosted by Ann-Shyn Chiang who is a leading scientist in genetic and neural basis of brain functions from National Tsing Hua University. I got the chance to meet with Prof. Chiang, talked to him about my research and asked to him about how to generate innovative research ideas? Therefore this was a unique opportunity for me to discuss a number of academics and professionals from different countries who have similar research interests.

My submitted abstract entitled “Developmental Changes in Phosphorylation and Isoforms of Microtubule-associated protein Tau in Mice Brains”, was accepted for a poster presentation. My findings, in summary, indicate that tau phosphorylation state change is not required their isoforms change. It was a great opportunity for me to participate in this international conference and to share these results with others and received valuable feedback to improve my research in the future. Another a major benefit of attending this conference is that it affords an opportunity to gather together, interact and exchange our findings and views during conference sessions, coffee breaks and conference

Writer (left) is at the symposium on neural membranes.
dinner. Consequently, I have exchanged contact information with a number of other graduate students and post doctors.

This was an amazing experience that allowed me to gain insight into wider knowledge of neuroscience, provided me with novel research and opened networking avenues.

I greatly appreciate Japanese Society for Neurochemistry for supporting my travel to Malaysia to attend this conference and gain this valuable experience.