

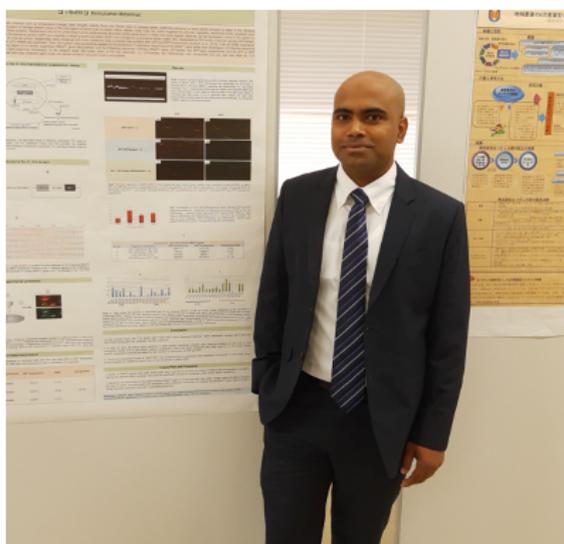
I am Moniruzzaman Mohammad from Bangladesh. My passion for academic research, curiosity about foreign cultures, and desire to prepare myself to have better career prospects stimulated me to pursue my higher studies abroad in Japan. I graduated from Shimane University with a master's degree in Agriculture and Life Science from the Graduate School of Natural Science and Technology in 2020. Currently, I am a PhD second-year student at the Graduate School of Natural Science of Technology at Shimane University.

I am conducting research on plant molecular biology with a particular focus on tRNA splicing using cutting-edge technology. I hope my research outcomes will contribute to the growing body of knowledge in this emerging field of research. Through S-SPRING fellowship program initiated by JST (Japan Science and Technology Agency), I am receiving a scholarship that is supporting my research and livelihood and allowing me to focus more on my studies. As a PhD student, I consider myself lucky since it allows me to become an expert in a certain field of study, as well as gain transferrable skills that will assist me in working in many fields outside of academia. I am also attending Japanese language classes alongside my research so that I may better understand Japanese culture and work in Japan.

Apart from academia, I enjoy doing volunteer work and recreational activities. I would like to thank the International Division of Shimane University and the local vibrant communities across the prefecture for their kindness in inviting me for these activities throughout Shimane. During my three and a half years in Matsue, I learned a lot about Japanese culture at the university and from interacting with locals. Also, I have seen that everyone here is really organized and punctual, and the sign is visible from the office to the coffee shop, which is admirable. Shimane is surrounded by stunning natural beauty. Shimane also provides a unique

opportunity to immerse oneself in Japan's age-old customs, unspoiled natural beauty, history, and culture.

Shimane University hosts many international students from around the world. This is an excellent chance for both Japanese and foreign students to experience a different culture and tradition while studying here. At Shimane University, we have world class faculty, state-of-the-art laboratories, a vibrant scientific community, and active volunteer organizations committed to supporting students. Furthermore, students in Shimane University have the opportunity of choosing their preferred field of study from wide range of academic research. Lastly, to those who are highly ambitious and deeply motivated and intend to pursue higher studies in Japan, Shimane University is an ideal place to cherish their dreams.



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