

**Evaluation Sheet of Guest Professor Program,
Graduate School of Science, Osaka Prefecture University**

The following information will be used as a reference material for our evaluation of the program. We appreciate your kind cooperation. We appreciate your sending this form by e-mail to kiriye@mi.s.osakafu-u.ac.jp. Prof. Kouyemon Iriye, Graduate School of Science, Osaka Prefecture University.

1. If there are comments or advice for the graduate students who took your lecture in “Science Communication”, we appreciate your writing them below.

You probably found that it was difficult for two reasons. First, I was speaking fast, sometimes too fast. Second, the mathematics may have been new for you and therefore difficult. My advice is to keep practicing. You are doing good, and I encourage you to proceed with your language studies. The first steps are always the hardest. If you have a chance, make a trip to a foreign language country. Many of you have a good chance to communicate. If you go to a conference, don't sit in the back. Try to get involved. Other countries have other customs. This can sometimes be difficult. But there is a good chance of meeting nice people and that's why we should do it. After all, I met my Japanese host at a conference in Germany 5 years ago. So, that conference was a good success for me. Otherwise I would not be here.

2. If there are comments or advice for the graduate students of your host professor, we appreciate them.

I was very happy to be received very well by you. In particular, I appreciate Takoyaki and Okonomiaki. That was very kind. Please, continue your studies with Prof. Maruta. Mathematics is never easy. But you have a good chance to succeed with your studies. I am very happy to see that you use computers. This is very good. My advisor always said that we mathematicians have to find patterns in the data and explain. That's how we can make progress and find new results. I wish you good luck.

3. If there are comments or advice for the undergraduate students who took your lecture, we appreciate them.

I had a lot of fun with the undergraduate lecture. I hope I could give you some ideas of what we do in mathematics, beyond the scope of textbooks. Research is fun and everybody has a chance to do it. So, if you like, pick your favorite topic and continue your studies. You need to decide your topic on your own. Therefore, I advise you to take many classes and decide for yourself. Choose what you like most.

4. If there are comments and suggestions for our program, we appreciate them.

The program is a good opportunity for the guest to learn many things about Japan and Japanese students. This is very nice. The Japanese students have many chances to see and interact with the visitor. This can be helpful for them. The next step could be that Japanese

students would prepare some kind of presentation (in English). Maybe this would still be a little difficult yet. Maybe the students could work in groups and each group would designate a speaker. Learning to communicate is like learning to play piano. If you only watch, you cannot learn. You need to try by yourself.

5. Can we make this sheet open to the public? [YES]

Name Anton Betten Date October 21, 2010

Thank you.