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In this first report, I'm going to introduce my life in Berkeley and LBNL. Berkeley locates in the north area of California, and is close to San Francisco. In recent years, the Bay area, including Berkeley, had little rain even in rainy season. In this February, however, the area had heavy rains, sometimes causing flood disasters. After the rainy season, the weather is totally fine, and I saw beautiful cherry blossoms in full bloom. Berkeley is known for “organic foods”, and there are a lot of organic grocery stores. So, I enjoy shopping with my family in the weekend.

LBNL is a national laboratory founded by United States Department of Energy (DOE) in 1931. LBNL consists of a number of divisions (Materials Sciences, Physics, Chemical Science, Computing Science, and so on), and has produced more than 10 Nobel Prize winners. The laboratory is located in Berkeley Hills and is adjacent to the University of California, Berkeley. In a sunny day, we can have a wonderful view of the Bay area from the laboratory. I feel that the research environment is great for researchers, though a shuttle bus or car is indispensable.



Photo01 Sather Tower in UC Berkeley



Photo02,03,04 LBNL



Photo05 view from LBNL

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About Berkeley;

<http://www.cityofberkeley.info/Home.aspx>

About Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory;

<http://www.lbl.gov>

In the next report, I will report my research activities in LBNL. And finally, I would like to express my deep appreciation for all the people who give me this great opportunity.