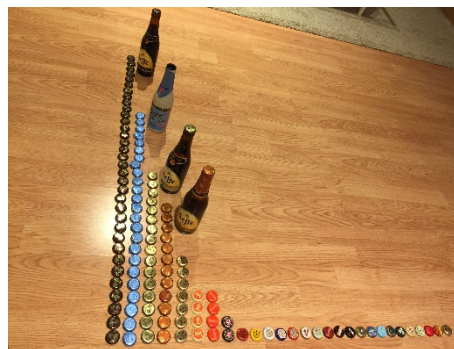




# JSPS Program for Advancing Strategic International Networks to Accelerate the Circulation of Talented Researchers Global Networking on Molecular Technology Research

## 【Vol.1】 Report from Kiyohiko Kawai

In this first report, I'm going to introduce my life in Leuven. Leuven is in the center of Belgium, just 25 kilometers from Brussels. Leuven is the eighth largest city in Belgium with about 100,000 inhabitants. In this not big but not that small city, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven) is spread across the city. KU Leuven is the largest university in Belgium and about 50,000 students are enrolled and thus Leuven is definitely a University City. IMEC is a bridge between the university and the industry and many Ph.D. students do research activities in IMEC. During the university holidays, the city became very quiet. Leuven is also a beer city and the photo shows the results of my study of beer for the first four months.



My house is located on Geldenaaksebaan, which is about 4 km away from IMEC. Unfortunately, it takes about 40 minutes by bus to get to IMEC, and thus, I commute to work by running three times a week! It is about 20 minutes and I run through the forest which is so refreshing.



In the next report, I am going to report about my research activities in IMEC. Finally, I would like to express my deep thanks to my family and all the people, who give me a chance to visit and stay here..