

【Vol.1】 Report from Koichi Kan

This was first experience of long-term staying at a foreign country for me. I am always impressed by bigness of the USA, for example, city, facility, area, and so on. For my practical life, I use my bicycle from an apartment to SLAC in 20 minutes. We do not have many steep slopes near Stanford University as compared with Suita, Japan. Near Stanford University many people seem to use bicycle although there are many cars.

I arrived at 31st January in San Francisco. I liked the weather as expected in the weather forecast. We have good weather in San Francisco ranging from 6 to 12 degrees C despite of January. People in California seem to be active for outdoor sports due to this good weather through the year. Figure 1 and figure 2 show Hoover tower in Stanford University on sunny holiday. The tower is one of landmarks in Stanford University.

I was also surprised at items in a supermarket. I have not experienced supermarkets in the USA so many times before this dispatch because one-week staying for conferences did not need buying items for life. Figure 3 shows items bought in a supermarket. If we buy more in shopping once, number of times for shopping can be reduced. The picture shows items selected from a view point of larger quantity. Of course, items with small quantity are also available. I enjoy eating every day.

Finally, I appreciate the readers reaching the last paragraph. At the same time, I would like to thank to people who prepare and support my dispatch in SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory and Osaka University.



Figure 1. Picture taken near Hoover Tower.

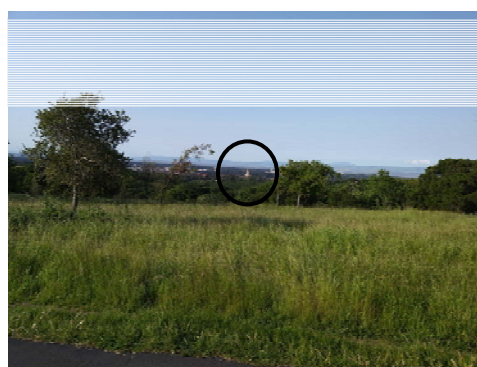


Figure 2. Picture from the Dish (foothills). The circle denotes the location of Hoover Tower.



Figure3, Items bought in a supermarket.