

【Vol. 1】 Report from Hideto Yoshida

In this first report, I'm going to introduce the city of Utrecht, Utrecht University and my life in Utrecht. Utrecht is the fourth largest city in the Netherlands and capital of the province of Utrecht. It is located the center of the Netherlands and therefore it is an important transport hub for both rail and road transport. There is a beautiful canal in the center of Utrecht. There are many historical buildings, restaurants and shops along the canal. I enjoy walking along the canal and lunch on weekends. I climbed the Dom tower (Domtoren in Dutch) which is over 600 years old and is the tallest church tower in the Netherlands.



The canal in the center of Utrecht



The Dom Tower

Utrecht University is the largest university in the Netherlands and an international research university of the highest quality. I am joining Professor Krijn de Jong's group in the group of Inorganic Chemistry and Catalysis as a visiting professor. This group has about 30 members, including professors, technical staffs, postdoctoral fellows, PhD candidates, master students, and bachelor students. I enjoy the discussion with them.



The building of Inorganic Chemistry and Catalysis group

Fortunately, I could rent a reasonable apartment near our laboratory. It takes only 5 minutes from my apartment to our laboratory by walk. However, there are few shops and restaurants near my apartment. In order to buy my groceries and other basic necessities, I go to the city center by bus on weekends.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the people who give me this great opportunity.