

# ***Wrapping Up Memories in Aizu***

*Reflecting on 3.5 Years of Growth  
and Experience*

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# Introduction

- **Full name:** Nguyen Van Tinh
- **Date of birth:** 03/31/2000
- **Hobbies:** listening to music, singing, sleeping, playing games, hanging out with friends, table tennis (newly discovered!)
- **Time spent in Aizu: (nearly 3.5 years)**

Oct. 2021 ~ Sep. 2023: Undergraduate student

Oct. 2023 ~ Mar. 2025: Master's student



# First Impressions of Aizu

- First date in Aizu: Nov. 12, 2021
- Impressions of Japanese people:
  - During my first travel from Tokyo to Aizu, I received a lot of help from kind and generous Japanese people

*Their kindness really left a strong impression on me*

- Impressions of Aizu:
  - **Expectation:** a bustling city, lots of people, vehicles, factories, etc....
  - **Reality:** a very beautiful, peaceful, and quiet place with rice fields and mountains

A little bit disappointed but Aizu reminds me a lot of my hometown, making it feel even more special.







## FOOD

Sushi is the best food,  
followed by katsudon, shabu  
shabu, and yakiniku.  
Food is expensive, though.

# Exploring Aizu

## SCENARY

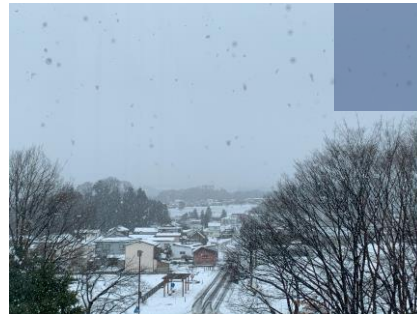
Aizu has stunning  
natural scenery.



## WINTER !!!

The only thing that I hate is  
snow.  
It is too cold and inconvenient.

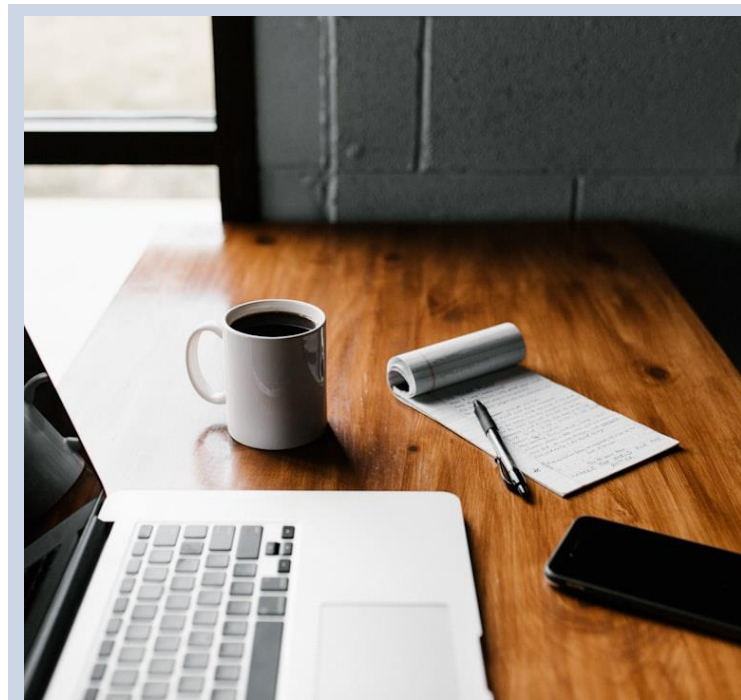
Aizu is a bit boring, too!



# Academic Journey

- I enrolled in CCL in the middle of December 2021. My research topic is “Applied AI/ML for communication systems.”
- **Challenges:**
  - I face many problems while doing research: new research field, new research topic, lack of fundamental knowledge, and lack of motivation...
  - I did not deal well with these problems!
- **Major achievements:**
  - MEXT scholarship, SAISUA scholarship
  - Best presentation award, best poster award
  - President Award

*These achievements greatly boost my motivation and confidence*





- I've met so many amazing people, who are kind, talented, and always willing to help
  - They help me a lot in both my academic and personal life
- These relationships leave unforgettable and long-lasting memories that will stay with me forever*

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# Key Memories



The first and only time to run 14 km



CCL Weekly Challenge!

# Key Memories



Played football for the first time as a farewell to Dr. Thang—an experience full of energy, laugh, and unforgettable moments.



The biggest birthday party ever!



# Key Memories



We came to cheer for the Vietnamese football team in their match against Japan. However, we found ourselves surrounded by Japanese fans!



My Bachelor's degree conferment ceremony!

# Key Memories



We played in the snow. This is my first time over 4 winters in Aizu! Very fun and cold, though!



We celebrated the Lunar New Year!

# Key Takeaways

## 1. Most important lessons learned:

- Throughout my time in Aizu, I learned the value of adaptability, especially when faced with new challenges in both my academic and personal life.
- I also learned how important it is to build and nurture relationships. The support I received was invaluable in overcoming obstacles.

## 2. What I want to change:

- Looking back, I realize that I should have been more proactive and had a clear target & roadmap for everything
- I'd also like to make friends with more international students and become more involved in local community activities. Although I had a great experience in Aizu, I feel I could have participated more in cultural and social events to enhance my overall experience.



# Gratitude & Acknowledgments

- *I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Pham and Prof. Le.* Your guidance and support have played a crucial role in both my academic and personal life. Your lessons and advice will continue to inspire me as I move forward in my career.
- *A special thanks to my friends and lab mates.* These friendships have been invaluable, providing support, motivation, and countless memorable experiences that I will cherish forever.
- As I prepare to leave, I reflect on how much I have grown and how deeply this journey has impacted me. The lessons learned, the relationships formed, and the experiences gained will always be a part of me. *Thank you all for being a part of my journey.*





**Thank you for your time!**

**Questions & Answers**