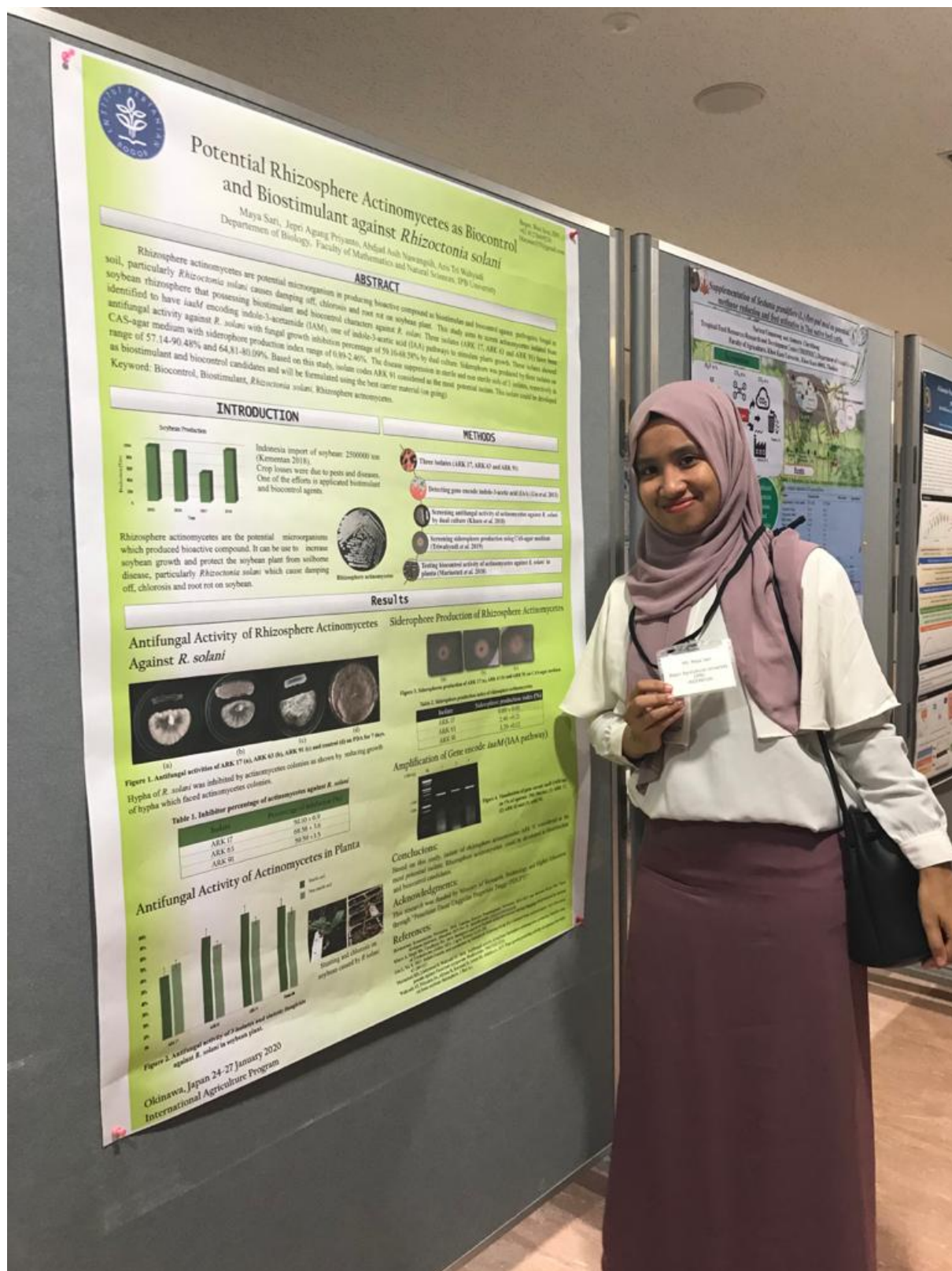


Maya's Impression after Joined Winter Course International Agriculture Program 2020



Maya Sari, a graduate student of Microbiology study program who supervised by Prof. Dr. Aris Tri Wahyudi, M.Si, just comeback after joined student exchange program, Winter Course International Agriculture Program 2020 (24-27 January 2020), Organized by Ryukyus University in Collaboration with some universities in Asia, including IPB University (Indonesia), Khon Kaen University (Thailand), Ruhuna University (Srilanka), Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (Bangladesh), and University of Veterinary Science (Myanmar).

In this opportunity, she expand her knowledge and experience both scientific cognition and japanese culture through joining some agenda. In the first day, she has invited to visit President Office of University of The Ryukyus, and continued with the workshop and discussion about tropical agriculture and adaptation to climate change. As a representative of IPB University, she concerned to discuss about sustainable use of water resources for agricultural production. She has also presented her interesting scientific poster entitled “Potential Rhizosphere Actinomycetes as Biocontrol and Biostimulant of *Rhizoctonia solani* infection”.

“This program not only provide us the indoor or formal activity, but also we could get closer with japanese culture and society by visiting some places. Actually, this is my first time to visit Japan and to know that there is Indonesian-like land in japan (meaning: no snow, and relatively warm as same as in tropical country), particularly in Okinawa” Maya said.

Other valuable experience also she obtained from her experience to stay one night at local homestay, learn japanese agriculture techniques especially for watermelon planting and harvesting directly instructed by local farmer, getting know japanese culture through sakura festival, local dance, music and traditional food.

“It was unforgettable moment for me. I’m very motivated to be more confident to build the international relation, how to discuss and solve the problem from different perspectives, and how to respect each other” Maya’s impression