

Video: 2016 TIGP outstanding Student Interview with Dr. Christian Mark Salvador

(1) Becoming a part of the TIGP family, how does that help your studies, your life, and achieving your current and future goals?

Being part of the TIGP puts me in a different yet outstanding PhD program. For instance, in choosing your advisor you can choose from professors from your school or from the top notch research fellows of Academia Sinica. This also applies in choosing classes where you can take classes from your school or from the classes offered by Academia Sinica.

(2) Have you met/encountered some people who changed your life?

Of course, a lot. For instance, I met my girlfriend here, who is a very outstanding biochemist. Also, I met Dr. Chou who is my supervisor who expanded my expertise on organic speciation in the particle phase.

(3) How do you embrace the multi-cultural environment during your study here?

The international community requires deep understanding of the culture of your fellow students and researchers. Communication is a very important thing here to work well among your peers.

(4) Have you developed great connections in your field with the resources from TIGP? You were selected to receive the TIGP Student Conference Travel Grant before. Please share your experience of attending the international conference as a TIGP.

TIGP sets an amazing platform to expand your network through the TIGP travel grant which I fortunately get to go to the American Geophysical Union in California, USA where I met a lot of Researchers who contributed a lot of comments and suggestions to expand my study.

(5) Would you share some experience with the new comers of TIGP students?

PhD will never be easy. You will face a lot of hardship and dilemma along the way. But I can assure you that the TIGP Academia Sinica and your school will provide all the sources you need to succeed.

(6) Do you enjoy living in Taiwan? Would you share some of the reasons with us?

Other than Taiwan is just a neighbor country of the Philippines, Taiwan has a lot to offer to the foreigner. For instance, Taiwan provides an extensive health care system to the foreigners at a reasonable price. But more importantly, Taiwanese are very helpful people.

(7) Do you have some words to say to your family members who supported you during your study?

To my friends and family who are very understanding during those times that I miss special events, Thank you for the support that you gave to me. To my professors, to my advisor and lab mates, thank you for guiding me to achieve this milestone in my life.