

JUSTIPEN travel report
(C.A. Bertulani – Japan visit 08/22/09 to 9/2/09)

RIKEN, Wako-shi and the University of Tokyo

The purpose of my visit to Japan was to participate as a lecturer in the 8th CNS-EFES Summer School, held at the Center for Nuclear Study (CNS), at the University of Tokyo, Hongo Campus, and at the RIKEN Wako Campus, from August 26 to September 1, 2009.

As an experiment, I presented my lectures with an old technique, pen + whiteboard. My feeling is that this experiment did not work as expected. It seems that we are too much used to Microsoft Powerpoint presentations. Solving equations on a piece of paper and making discussions on a black/whiteboard are losing space to doing algebra, calculus, letters, and (understandably) numerics on the computer. But I am happy because I noticed that some students have learned quite a lot from what I lectured.

Especially for this school, I have written lecture notes which can be found at the Los Alamos server: [arXiv:0908.4307](https://arxiv.org/abs/0908.4307).

My trip was organized by Dr. Naoyuki Itagaki, who took care of my working conditions, lodging, documents and organization of the meeting. Prof. Takaharu Otsuka took part on the decisions about the meetings and visits I was involved in.

My visit to Japan with JUSTIPEN was very fruitful and extremely pleasant.