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Takeishi Katsura's **ON** and **OFF** time

Here, let me introduce to you some of the shots showing me in ON and OFF times from my childhood through to the present.

This family photo was taken in my home in Kyoto when I was a little child before enrollment in a kindergarten. The boy standing in front of father is me and the one sitting on mother's knees is my brother two years younger than me.

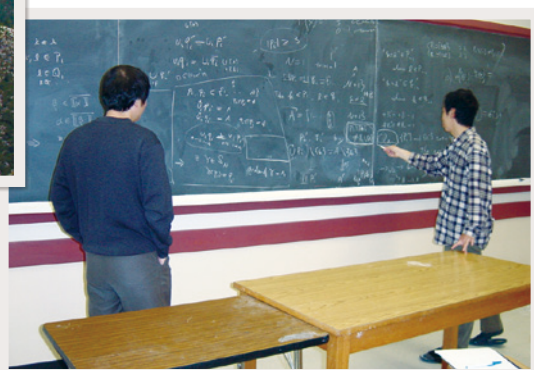


This is a photo of my class taken immediately after my entrance into the University of Tokyo. The person standing next to me on the left is Mr. Kei Kobayashi who recently joined Keio University Department of Mathematics as associate professor. We met again for the first time in 20 years.



During my college days, I joined a mountaineering/skiing circle and had opportunities to mingle with friends from various universities and from disciplines other than mathematics. Dr. Kenichi Tanaka, Associate Professor of Keio University Department of Administrative Engineering, was my circle mate of the same period. He has been one of my good friends since the university freshman days.

I stayed in the United States from the second year of my master's course to the first year of doctoral course. Toward the end of that stay, Professor Kawahigashi (our advising teacher), two of my senior students and myself together visited Yosemite National Park. This photo was taken on that occasion.



This photo shows me being awarded with the Takebe Katahiro Prize at the Mathematical Society of Japan's Autumn Meeting 2006 held in Osaka City University. I felt very happy and honored especially because awards of this kind are much less in the field of mathematics than in the other fields of science and technology. I still remember I walked up to the stage, under tension and wearing a suit I was unused to.



From the second year of my doctoral course to the early postdoctoral period, I stayed in the University of Oregon for research. This photo shows me discussing in front of a blackboard with a Chinese teacher of the university who took good care of me.



Taken in a Go game school that my first son (age nine) and myself attend, this shot is a scene of a match between a son and his father. Crazy about Go, my son is making amazingly good progress, which pleases me.

After assuming a post with Keio University, I was given an opportunity to engage in research in the University of Copenhagen for one and a half years. This photo was taken in the summer of 2011 in my apartment in the suburbs of Copenhagen. My first son (four years old then) was attending a local kindergarten and the second son (nine months old then) was born in Denmark. I'm truly grateful to my wife who came with me to Denmark during pregnancy and took good care of our sons in the foreign country.

