If you see people in strange costumes all over the RIT campus this coming weekend …

speaking in Japanese ....

don't panic!
Scientific research in Japan

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The start of my international collaboration in astronomical research

Sloan Digital Sky Survey

American and Japanese astronomers team up to make a 3-D map of a large region of the sky
But how to continue the collaboration?
JSPS Invitation Fellowship Programs

Japanese host scientist and foreign collaborator apply

JSPS provides grant to host scientist

Host invites collaborator to come to Japan

Fellowships available for short-term (7-60 days) and long-term (2-10 months) visits

Grants cover airfare, living expenses, travel within Japan
2008: Institute of Astronomy in Mitaka

Invited by Professor Mamoru Doi
Project: use very deep images from the Subaru telescope in Hawaii to find white dwarf stars
2011: Kiso Observatory in central Japan
again invited by Professor Mamoru Doi
Project: write software to analyze images from a new camera on the Kiso Schmidt Telescope
Tips for researchers travelling to Japan

- Learn the language BEFORE the trip (consider the excellent Japanese language courses here at RIT)
- Purchase a Japan Rail Pass BEFORE the trip
- If possible, don't drive a car
- Remember that your socks will always be showing