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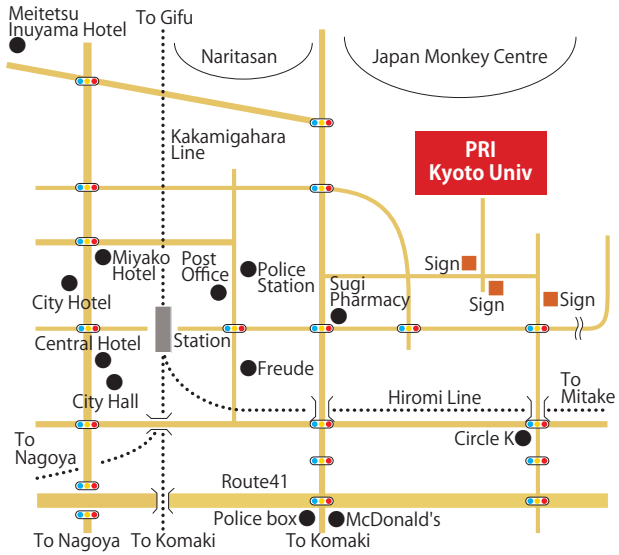

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- Demachiyanagi Station (Keihan Railway) ⇒ 7min walk

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Our Mission

The Primate Research Institute (PRI) of Kyoto University founded the Center for International Collaboration and Advanced Studies in Primatology (CICASP) on April 1st, 2009. Through CICASP, PRI promotes international collaboration in research and education, focusing on the primate mind, body, ecology, conservation, and genome in order to understand the evolutionary origins of human nature. CICASP provides the necessary window for international students to study primatology and wildlife science at the prestigious Kyoto University.

MSc/PhD Course

The graduate program in Primatology and Wildlife Research focuses on the study of non-human primates and other wild animals to promote their conservation, health and welfare, and advance our understanding of wildlife and human nature. Graduate students enroll in either the MSc or PhD course with one of the sections at PRI or the Wildlife Research Center (WRC). Both degrees are research-focused, but Master's students are also required to complete a set of courses and training programs in English.

Expanding Horizons

Students accepted into the CICASP program also have the unique opportunity to apply to Kyoto University's Leading Graduate Program in Primatology and Wildlife Science (PWS), a graduate program focusing on education in wildlife conservation, animal welfare, and development of skills for outreach in wildlife-rich countries. PWS students receive a monthly stipend, can apply for financial support for research activities and have access to additional field and laboratory training programs. For more information, visit http://www.wildlife-science.org/index-en.html.

Dr. Tetsuro MATSUZAWA

PWS Coordinator and
Founding Director of CICASP

PRI Research Departments and Sections

Cognitive Science

Cognition and Learning

We aim to uncover the evolution of primate cognition by comparing how humans and monkeys recognize their environments, with a principal focus on the vocal-auditory modality.

Language and Intelligence

Through comparative cognitive science we explore higher cognitive functions in apes, especially in chimpanzees, to understand human Language and intelligence from an evolutionary perspective.

Neuroscience

Cognitive Neuroscience

We aim to understand the brain mechanisms underlying emotion, memory, perception and communication in both human and non-human primates.

Systems Neuroscience

We explore the structure and function of neural networks in primate brains by integration of neuroanatomical, neurophysiological, neurobehavioral, and molecular biological approaches.

Cellular and Molecular Biology

Molecular Biology

We investigate primate genomes, genes and proteins to understand chromosome evolution, the evolution of sensory functions, and comparative neurogenomics.

Cellular Biology

We investigate chromosome structure and function, and biodiversity conservation via reproductive and developmental engineering, including endocrinological, ethological and cytological approaches.

Ecology and Social Behavior

Social Systems Evolution

We conduct behavioral and ecological research in Africa and Asia on wild primate populations to elucidate processes in the evolution of social systems and hominization.

Ecology and Conservation

We study the population dynamics, feeding and behavioral ecology of Japanese, African, and Southeast Asian primates and the environmental factors that affect them, including various ecological interactions.

Evolution and Phylogeny

Evolutionary Morphology

We study African and Asian primate evolution through morphological investigation, including the development, growth and aging of living and fossil primates dating back ten to twenty million years.

Systematics and Phylogeny

To understand the process of primate evolution, we investigate the morphology and distribution of living and fossil primates, taking into account the effects of regional and global environmental change.

Center for Human Evolution Modeling Research

We conduct research on primate infectious diseases, medicine and welfare, and conservation genetics, as well as overseeing breeding, raising, health control, and animal welfare for primates housed at PRI.

Wildlife Research Center (KU)

We promote scientific research and education on wild animals. Our three missions are 1) to conduct basic research on endangered and threatened species, 2) to integrate different areas of science to create new disciplines applicable to field settings, and 3) to collaborate with zoos, sanctuaries, aquariums, and museums to promote environmental education.