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1. Country/location of visit
Kyoto, Japan
2. Research project
Special Seminar by Dr. Jane Goodall
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2016. 7. 30 (1 day)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Prof. Matsuzawa, KUIAS, PWS
5. Progress and results of your research/activity (You can attach extra pages if needed)
Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide a brief description.
<p>It was feeling like in a dream when I first saw Dr. Goodall in ICP. Like many people, I read Dr. Goodall’s books, visit her websites, and even collected her photos. Her story of letting the world know chimpanzees and of the conservation work was very encouraging. Now Dr. Goodall “walked out” from the photos, and I was so fortunate to listen to her telling the contagious stories, which was even more inspiring.</p> <p>In ICP and in Kyoto seminar, Dr. Goodall talked about the Chicago meeting that changed her life. She gave up he “gorgeous life” and devoted to conservation work all over the world, because that was the time when bush meat and animal trading started to get serious. She also encouraged the “young generation” to take actions about conservation to save life and the planet. One other story was about her friend Gary, who lost his eyesight at 21 but succeeded in being a magician and trying sky diving and scuba. Dr. Goodall takes his present, a “monkey-chimp” with her everywhere she goes to memorize “indomitable human spirit”. The last story Dr. Goodall shared with us was that a chimpanzee built a real friendship with a human and saved his life. The beauty of human spirit, of life and friendship beyond species, was really one of the most innate reasons why we should take actions, save lives and the environment in spite of the many difficult, miserable or even ugly facts.</p> <p>After her talk, there was a hot discussion among the audiences. I learned a lot from Dr. Goodall’s great talk and from the communication with other people. It was a wonderful experience.</p>
6. Others
Thank Prof. Matsuzawa for inviting Dr. Goodall to Japan so that we could have the great opportunity to listen to her telling her inspiring stories. Thank PWS for supporting this trip.