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1. Country/location of visit

Kumamoto Sanctuary, Kumamoto, Japan

2. Research project

Chimpanzee picture database

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2017. 4. 3 – 2017. 4. 4 (2 days)

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Dr. Naruki Morimura, Associate Professor at Wildlife Research Center, Kyoto University

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.

During this visit to Kumamoto Sanctuary, I mainly checked chimpanzee pictures from the database of chimpanzees in Kumamoto Sanctuary.

My ongoing experiment is about body perception in chimpanzees, and a lot of pictures of chimpanzee bodies are needed for making stimuli for the experiment. Kumamoto Sanctuary has more than 50 chimpanzees, and the staff in the sanctuary have taken many photos of them. Therefore, I went there to check the pictures and to try to find those I might be able to use after getting the permission from Kumamoto Sanctuary and my supervisor.

Prof. Morimura took me to Kumamoto Sanctuary from the nearest train station. He introduced me to the pictures and we checked together. I also followed him to join chimpanzees' dinner feeding.

Prof. Morimura, Udono-san and Nogami-san helped pick up the pictures according to my description in advance, and they sorted the pictures by chimpanzee ID. It was of great help, and I got over 800 high-quality pictures showing chimpanzee whole bodies.

I had a good time in Kumamoto Sanctuary. Using the pictures I could make many new stimuli for my experiment.



6. Others

I appreciate the great help from Nogami-san, Udono-san for selecting chimpanzee pictures, and Profs. Morimura and Hirata for their arrangement for my trip. I would like to thank PWS for supporting this trip.

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