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1. Country/location of visit

Sasagamine Hütte, Japan

2. Research project

Sasagamine Field Science Course – Winter Season

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2018. 03. 22 – 2018. 03. 26 (5 days)

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Prof. Tetsuro Matsuzawa, Prof. Shiro Koshima, Prof. Shigeru Sugiyama

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 course we used skis and wakan to explore the area around the Sasagamine Hütte. We practiced technical skills needed to travel during the winter in snow covered ground, while also learning about the flora and fauna around Sasagamine. On two days, the members split into two groups. One group summited Mt. Mitahara (2347m) and the other groups continued to explore the lower areas and learned to build an igloo. As part of the group that summited Mt. Mitahara, I really enjoyed the opportunity to take in the beautiful views of the Japanese Alps and push myself physically on skis and wakan.

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6. Others



Group photo



View from the Hutte at sunset with the igloo and snow person created earlier that day



Panoramic view from the summit of Mt. Mitahara



Prof. Koshima skiing in the fresh snow



Miho Saito and Prof. Sugiyama near the summit of Mt. Mitahara



Miho Saito and Prof. Sugiyama ascending to the summit of Mt. Mitahara



View from the summit of Mt. Mitahara



Prof. Sugiyama teaching and giving advice on how to best make a fire in the snow



Sasagamine Hutte