

Research Activity Report
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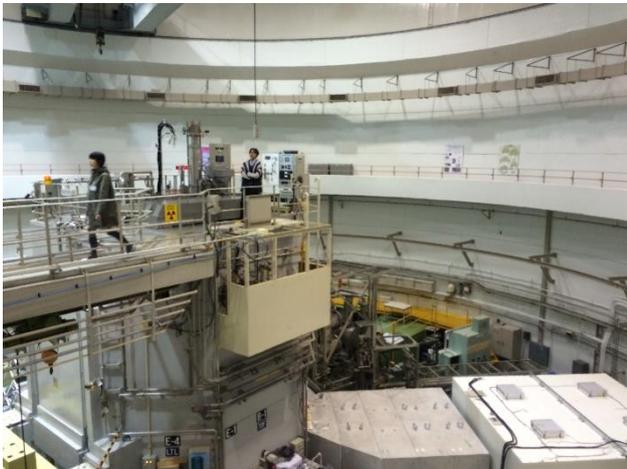
1. Country/location of visit
Kyoto University facilities, Japan
2. Research project
Inter-lab Exchange course
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2015. 04. 06 – 2015. 04. 11 (4 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Dr. Michio Nakamura and Dr. Tanaka, Professors at Kyoto University
5. 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.
<p>From the moment I left the Inuyama campus, to head to Kyoto for the orientation at the main campus until the last day, I had a wonderful experience during the whole trip. It was full of different experiences, joined by people of different backgrounds, cultures, interests; however, all were joined by having the same interest in science and in the excitement of starting a new chapter in their lives as students of Kyoto University.</p> <p>During the first day we were introduced to everyone in all the different campuses and departments, and I felt it was a great opportunity to learn what other students are doing, a chance to establish new connections and networks, as well as getting input from other people on your research/study interest. I learned many things about biodiversity, especially on the trip to the Seto Marine station and the Center for Ecological Research, and how all our different backgrounds are united through science. My main interest is on animal welfare of captive primates, but learning how the primates themselves cause an impact to their environment and how that change in environment in turn affects us as humans was a n eye opener for me during the visit at the ecological station. I thought how I could perhaps learn more about the forest degradation of vegetated forests in small island where primates have lived for many years. It was great to learn other perspectives about primates and perhaps how I would have an opportunity to study how primates affect their environment, not only how they are affected by it. I was also impressed by how diverse the ocean is around Japan and how many types of research can be conducted on marine animals I had never even heard of before. I am glad that KU has an interest in exposing its students to all the diversity with these interdisciplinary activities. It is really important for future scientists to hear as many new research possibilities as well as getting feedback from other students and teachers of different scientific backgrounds.</p> <p>One of the highlights for me was the visit to the Research Reactor Institute. As my main interest is on animal welfare, I had no idea about how nuclear energy works, what are its benefits and how it is a great tool in the research field. Though I learned many things I could apply to my studies in primates living in different environments from the Ecological Station, it was the Reactor Institute where I learned novel things that I do not think I would otherwise ever be exposed to, had I not become a student at Kyoto University.</p> <p>Lastly, it was not only about biodiversity that I learned, but also of general cultural, social and scientific diversity at Kyoto University. I was able to bond with my new colleagues, professors, and made new friends from different campuses. It was a great experience for me and I was very pleased to be part of it. Please continue this great course, as it was informative, welcoming and a great overall experience.</p>
6. Others

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Dr. Hayakawa and Mr. Toda at the welcome reception. A visit to Arashiyama in my free time.

An awesome learning experience at the reactor!



At the Seto Marine station, learning and enjoying the sights!

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At Kyoto after the Zoo visit!