


Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Japan Monkey Centre
2. Research project
Zoo and Museum course
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2016. 2. 6 – 2016. 2. 9 (4days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Dr. Idani, 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.
<p>Schedule: 6th principal lecture / JMC tour 7th dissection / education in the Museum 8th vet / enrichment 9th specimen training / workshop</p> <p>I was able to see and experience many aspects of a museum/zoo during this course. We tend to look at the animals and leave when we go to zoos, not realizing that there are so much thought and effort put into the exhibition and the care of animals behind the scene. It is unfortunate that almost all of the Japanese zoos are thought to be as just a recreation business, when there is so much to learn from them. JMC is a rare museum/zoo in Japan that focuses on the collection of specimens and education of visitors and also non-visitors. They have people who specialize in those aspects who are called curators. I hope there are more people in these positions making use of zoos as an educational place in the future.</p> <p>picture: bone specimen of a Northern owl monkey (<i>Aotus trivirgatus</i>)</p> 
6. Others
I would like to thank the staff of PWS and JMC who made this course possible.