

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Japan/ Niigata prefecture, Sasagamine
2. Research project
Sasagamine Field Science Course
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2017. 7. 18 – 2017. 7. 21 (4 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Dr. Tetsuro Matsuzawa, Distinguished Professor at Institute for Advanced Study, Kyoto University Dr. Shiro Koshima, Professor at Wildlife Research Center, Kyoto University Ms. Reiko Takizawa, Assistant Professor at Wildlife Research Center, Kyoto University Dr. Sigeru Sugiyama, Associate Professor at Shizuoka 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>The aim of this course was to perform field practices at Sasagamine, Niigata prefecture and to acquire fundamental skills necessary for field works, including mountain climbing, rope work, and bivouac. In the first day, we took a walk around the hutte. Along the way, teachers taught us about trees and insects living there. Among them, a talk on toxic plants like sumac trees was not only interesting but also useful for future field works. I don't have a lot of opportunities to learn about plants or insects, lectures on them were really new for me. Observing living plants and insects helped me to deepen my knowledge on them.</p> <p>The lecture on how to use a map was really useful. I could learn how to fold maps or how to use a compass with a map. Also, the rope work lecture on the last day taught me some ways to tie a rope. Even though I couldn't remember all of them at once, I felt the lesson was so interesting and were applicable in my daily life.</p> <p>On the third day, we climbed Mt. Hiuchi. Since it was fine, we could enjoy watching plants and beautiful scenery. Initially, I wasn't confident if I can follow others because others walked at a fast pace for me, but at last, I could reach the summit. On the way, there were some places covered with snows and we sometimes walked on the snow (Fig.1). I mainly study captive animals, so I rarely perform a hard field work, but this practice will be beneficial for my future field work. If I have a chance, I'd like to climb other mountains in Japan or in foreign countries.</p>

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Figure 1. The scenery we enjoyed on the way of mountain climbing. There still remained beautiful snowy valleys.

6. Others

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