

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit

Myoko, Niigata Prefecture

2. Research project

Sasagamine practice

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2015.10.1-10.4 (4days)

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Prof. 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.

From first to 4th October, I joined Sasagamine practice. That objective is to acquire the ability to survive in any fields. First day we walked around our hutte. We gathered so many wild fruits by cooperating with all of us. For survival cooperating and use everything around us would be important. Second day we also got an excursion around Sasagamine. We learned many about plants thanks to teachers. I felt that in order to remember the species of trees, it is effective to remember all the shapes of fruits, leaves, and envelopes of tree. And we watched wild monkeys. Some males ate so many insects in savanna, which impressed me. I think to study Sasagamine macaque is efficient to understand more about ecology and society of Japanese macaque. And third day we climbed Mt. Hiuchi. I enjoyed very much because landscape was very good and I talked with many people and thought many things. And final day we got a lecture about rope work. Through this practice I got many memories in Sasagamine. Also it was good experience to talk with other PWS students I haven't known. In the future I hope that studies about wildlife in Sasagamine would be developed more.



Sasagamine hutte



Collecting a lot of wild fruits

6. Others

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