

**Research Activity Report**  
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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
Takasakiyama, Beppu, Oita Prefecture, Japan
<b>2. Research project</b>
Field Trip to visit Takasakiyama Monkey Park
<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2016. 03. 23 – 2016. 03. 25 (3 days)
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>
Dr. Michael Huffman
<b>5. Progress and results of your research/activity</b> (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>A colleague of mine, Sayuri Takeshita, and I were asked to organize this trip funded by PWS. We decided to visit one of the famous sites for primatology in Japan, Takasakiyama. We organized the trip so we could visit the famous site and see a few other locations Beppu is known for including the Hells of Beppu, and enjoying the famous sand baths of the area.</p> <p>On the first day we headed to visit the Hells of Beppu, famous for the hot springs that are different colors due to the minerals in the soil of the area. The colors of Chinoike Jigoku were quite striking, a bright red. We enjoyed the foot bath there before heading to the other 7 Hells.</p> <p>I have read many articles concerning the famous Takasakiyama monkey park. When you read about how large the group is that is one thing, to see it in person is something quite different. 1,522 monkeys inhabit the group presently, and needless to say provisioning the group is an incredible sight to see. The staff provision the group with wheat, but then there is the famous sweet potato provisioning, where a staff member runs up and down the provisioning area dispensing a cart full of the potatoes. Imagine a dense wave of monkeys swarming the cart and the sweet potatoes it left behind in its wake. After visiting the monkey park we enjoyed the sand baths of Beppu, and ate some incredible seafood. It was a fun trip to Beppu, and I thank PWS for funding so many opportunities to visit famous primatology sites in Japan.</p>

6. Others



At Oita Airport



Group shot in Hell, thanks to  
Heungjin Ryu



Chinoike Jigoku



The foot baths in hell are great!  
Photo: Heungjin Ryu



Entrance to Takasakiyama



No. 5 watches over the group

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Juvenile holding stones



Tengu Shrine in Downtown Beppu