

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Kyoto, Japan
2. Research project
Special seminar by Dr. Jane Goodall
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2016. 07. 30 (1 day)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Kyoto University Institute for Advanced Study and the PWS program
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>On July 30th, KUIAS and PWS organized a special seminar given by Dr. Jane Goodall. The first time I saw Jane Goodall was in Paris when she came for the preview of the Disney movie “Chimpanzees”. However, the first time I could really meet her was few days earlier, in Yokohama where we had a dinner with other chimpanzee researchers and where she was invited to give a plenary talk.</p> <p>In Yokohama, she principally talked about her path towards Gombe, about how she got to spend years living with the wild chimpanzees. She mentioned that at the beginning it was very difficult to face the scientific world because they told her she did everything wrong by giving names to the chimpanzees and by saying that chimpanzees can make tools as it was believed to be only a human ability. She also pointed out the importance of having her mother supporting her in all of her dreams and projects.</p> <p>In Kyoto, her talk was more towards the conservation of wild chimpanzees. She explained how she had to give up her life in the forest with the chimpanzees to try to save them. In effect, at that time the chimpanzee populations started to quickly decrease since the bush meat and trade started. She felt she had to do something to save this endangered species, and since this day she never stays more than three weeks at the same place trying to raise awareness.</p> <p>Additionally, I could discuss about my research directly with her, and that was a great honor. I could introduce my doctoral project and discuss about the grooming with her. She mentioned that in Gombe, chimpanzees regularly do “leaf-grooming”. She told me that nobody has never really looked at this behavior but the chimpanzees groom the leaf in the same manner as they do with other group mates. I also mentioned to her that I will be comparing chimpanzees and bonobos as a species-comparison but I am very interested in looking at the inter-individual differences within the same species. She agreed saying that one interesting part that she likes about chimpanzees is their very different personalities, how different they are from each other.</p> <p>At the end of the month, I am going to see for the very first time wild chimpanzees in Bossou, I am really looking forward to this moment, and after hearing all the stories about Gombe chimpanzees I have even more excited!</p>

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Picture 1. Group photo with Jane Goodall and PWS students (credits: Miku Akiyama – PWS).

6. Others

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Jane Goodall first, and to the PWS program, to KUIAS, and Prof. Matsuzawa for organizing this incredible and memorable seminar