

**Research Activity Report**  
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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
Niigata prefecture Myokokogen
<b>2. Research project</b>
Sasagamine Field Course
<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2016.08.01-2016.08.04 (4 days)
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>
Kyoto University Sasagamine Hut / Mr. Sugiyama
<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>During 2016/08/01-2016/08/04, in order to take part in Sasagamine Field Course, I visited Kyoto University Sasagamine Hut, which is located in Myokokogen, Niigata prefecture. Through this course, I learned many skills and practical knowledge that I need when I am in my field.</p> <p>2016/08/01 : Go to Sasagamine Hut from Kyoto / Vegetation observation / Lecture on this course and how to read maps</p> <p>2016/08/02 : Karasawa exploration / Sawanobori / Lecture on ropework</p> <p>2016/08/03 : Climb up Mt. Hiuchi</p> <p>2016/08/04 : Clean up / Lecture on zert (bivouac shelter) / Go back to Kyoto</p> <p>On the first day, after we arrived at Kyoto University Sasagamine Hut we walked around the hut and observed the vegetation. After that, we came back to the hut and prepared for the dinner and then Mr. Sugiyama gave us a lecture on the hut, this course, and how to read maps.</p> <p>On the morning of second day, we went trekking and explored Karasawa. While we were in a forest, we observed many kinds of butterflies and enjoyed taking pictures of them with other participants. We came back to the hut and had lunch. In the afternoon, Mr. Sugiyama taught us some useful rope-work techniques. After having dinner, we prepared for the next day mountain climbing.</p> <p>On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day morning, we left the hut at 5:40, and started to climb up the mountain, aiming for the summit of Mt. Hiuchi. While I was trekking, I recorded my track with GPS and I marked waypoints of some characteristic locations so that I can use them at the next Sasagamine field course (winter season). We reached the summit of Mt. Hiuchi at 11:46 and started to go down the mountain at 12:34. We arrived at the hut at 17:23 and had dinner.</p> <p>On the last day morning, Mr. Sugiyama gave us a lecture on how to use a bivouac shelter. And then, we cleaned up the hut and had chat about this course. I learned it is important to do something that no one else is doing or has done when I prepare for dishes or do other things in a group.</p>

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Photo1. *Paranitica sita*



Photo2. *Gallicarpa japonica*

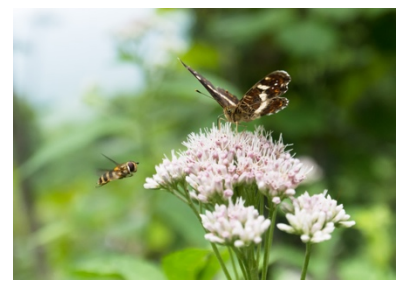


Photo3. *Araschnia burejapana*



Photo4. View from Hut



Photo5. Tengenoniwa



Photo6. Walk in a mist



Photo7. Group photo



Photo8. Lecture on zert



Photo9. Sasagamine Hut



Photo10 *Sparassis crispa*

**6. Others**

I am deeply grateful to PWS leading program, Mr. Sugiyama and all the participants in the course.