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1. Country/location of visit
Taiwan/ Taipei
2. Research project
9 th International Meeting of the Asian Society of Conservation Medicine (ASCM)
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2016.10.21 – 2016.10.25 (5 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Dr. Jason Chin (Director of Taipei Zoo)
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>This year’s meeting of the Asian Society of Conservation Medicine (ASCM) was held jointly by Taipei Zoo, the School of Veterinary Medicine of National Taiwan University (NTU) and ASCM. The Asian Society of Conservation Medicine (ASCM) is an organization that aims to strengthen the connection among Asian organizations in charge of zoos, wildlife medicine and conservation. The theme for this year’s meeting was “One Health and Disease Ecology”, emphasizing on the importance of infectious disease monitoring and wildlife conservation medicine, and aiming to promote, improve and protect the health of all species by enhancing the collaboration between experts in different areas in the Asia Pacific. Lectures ranged from zoo and wildlife medicine, wildlife management, and ecosystem preservation to zoonosis control (Fig. 1). This meeting brought together people from many different countries in Asia working on infectious diseases, giving me a chance to connect with them and get a better idea of the bigger picture. I also met with people from the Wildlife Disease Association that I had met earlier this year, to discuss about the difficulties and challenges of setting up an Asian section in the future.</p>

<p>Fig. 1. Keynote lecture by Thierry Work on diseases and ecology of sea mammals in the Pacific Ocean (left). Dr. Jason Chin during the closing ceremony (right). Photo credit: Liesbeth Frias.</p>

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After the conference we visited the Yangmingshan National Park, located in northern Taiwan, and famous for its volcanic geology and activity, like fumaroles and hot springs. First we passed through Lengshuikeng region, created when lava from Mt. Qixing and Mt. Qigu formed a barrage, and then went to Xiaoyoukeng, located northwest from the highest peak in Taipei, Mt. Qixing (Fig. 2). Lastly, we visited Yehliu Geopark, famous for its various rock formations. Many of these rocks have been given names based on their shapes. One of the most famous is the Queen’s Head, resembling Nefertiti’s bust (Fig. 3).



Fig. 2. Post-conference excursion to Yangmingshan National Park. Jingshan suspension bridge (left) and Xiaoyoukeng (right). Photo credit: Liesbeth Frias.



Fig. 3. Post-conference excursion to Yehliu Geopark. Several rock formations (left) and Inui-san (Osaka Museum of Natural History) and me next to Nefertiti’s rock bust. Photo credit: Liesbeth Frias (left).

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