



**Research Activity Report**  
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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
Saitama, Saitama children’s zoo
<b>2. Research project</b>
To attend Shape-Japan workshop
<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2017. 2. 9 – 2017. 2. 11 (3days)
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>
Dr. Yamanashi (Shape-Japan)
<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>The purpose of this trip was to give a talk about my research on wild giraffe. Most of the participants were from zoos, therefore I tried to present my talk with many pictures to let audiences understand easily about the condition/environment of the field. After the talk, I got questions more than I expected, it was 5. I felt my talk got interested from the audiences who were not related to research work in their daily life. Additionally, some person said my talk was easy to understand, those were good feedback for me for the next coming presentation.</p> <p>I joined workshop after gave a talk and I belonged to pony group to create some enrichment tools for them. It was my first time to create enrichment tool, therefore I asked for many helps from my group members for providing ideas of tool and how to create it with many equipment. Some of participants know sampling methods to collect animal behavioral data, what kind of advantages or disadvantages each sampling methods have, to be honest it made me surprised. Originally all participants of this workshop have motivation to understand how to major animal behavior, I was surprised that so many zoo keepers have interest in animal research. To evaluate the condition of captive animal through introducing enrichment tool is necessary to make the environment of captivity better for captive animals, I am pleased to know that the situation of Japanese zoos are moving towards good way.</p> <p>I hope the next workshop about enrichment will be held soon and I would like to contribute to the improvement of captive conditions by introducing what I have been done in the field.</p>
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<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Fig 1. When creating enrichment tool for pony</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Fig 2. Pony approached to enrichment tool which we created</p> </div> </div>
<b>6. Others</b>
I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the PWS program for supporting this trip.

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