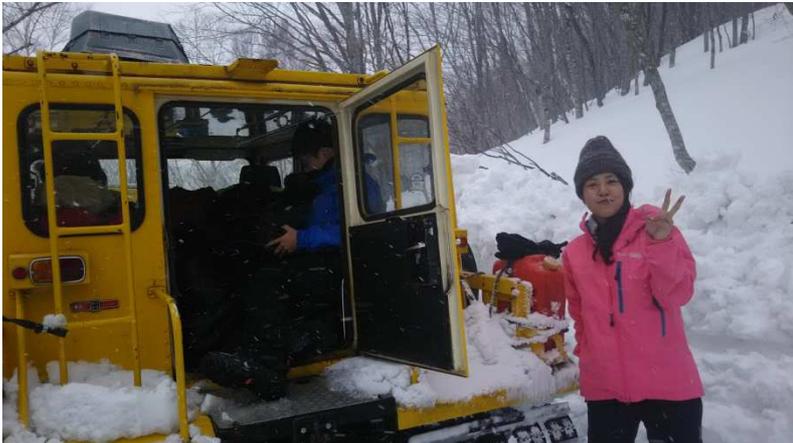


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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
Sasagamine, Japan
<b>2. Research project</b>
Sasagamine field course (Snow season)
<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2017 Mar.22-26
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>
Tetsuro Matsuzawa (PRI), Shigeru Sugiyama (Sizuoka Univ.) and Reiko Takizawa (WRC)
<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>I attended Sasagamine field course (Snow season) as follow.</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> day: Arrival, preparation for the next day</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> day: Walking around the hutte by skiing, building igloo</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> day: Walking around the hutte by skiing, practicing ski</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> day: Raschel training, making fire</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> day: Departure</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> day: We arrived at the hutte by snowmobile on the first day. They had to remove snow on the way and it took a couple of hours. After dinner we learned how to put “skin” on ski board. By using “skin” we can easily walk even on upslope with ski board. “Skin” was originally made from seal’s skin.</p>

Snowmobile
2 <sup>nd</sup> day: We skied around the hutte and saw “Torii”, the gate for the shrine buried in deep snow. During we walk around, one thing I enjoyed was eating fruits of mistletoe. Mistletoe was very sweet and so sticky that I could not swallow easily. In the afternoon,

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we built igloo by treading snow and breaking and stacking ice block. It takes hours and it was hard but not only those things, we needed to consider the whole image beforehand. It required experience. Igloo was very strong and even we can step on the top of it.



Such a deep snow !



Mistletoe



Building Igloo



Home sweet home: Our Igloo!!

3<sup>rd</sup> day: We walked around for a bit longer distance than the last day so it was tough for me. Besides, it turned to be bad weather. However, I enjoyed skiing practice in the afternoon.

4<sup>th</sup> day: Rascheling in front of the line was difficult especially the way was very steep. If you do not walk effectively, lots of snow will cover the top of ski board. However stepping on the snow field without any other foot print was very cool. In the summer, bush prevented us walking freely but this time snow cover the bush. We had good view. When we took a rest, we ate sweet beans with snow. It was so tasty and that made us energetic again. We enjoyed skiing when we back but going back by skiing was very quick. After we arrived at the hutte, we made fire and cooked ramen with snow.

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Blue sky and the mountain



Take a rest



Cooking ramen with snow



Fire

5<sup>th</sup> day: The last day we saw foxes three times! I was very happy with that.



a fox



Foot prints (rabbit?)

I enjoyed every day during the field course. However the very next day when we came back, there was sad accident; high school students were suffered from snow avalanche during raschel training. I was shocked because we just experienced raschel a couple of days before. This time, thanks to some teachers who have lots of experience our course

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was completely safe. However now I can imagine how dangerous snow mountain could be. For example, during we made igloo, we understand under new soft snow, there could be old sherbet-like ice. Not only we enjoyed the course, but also, we learned important things.

**6. Others**

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