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1. Country/location of visit
Japan/Aichi prefecture, Japan Monkey Centre (JMC)
2. Research project
Buddha Seminar Workshop: Science Communication
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2017. 7. 23
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Mr. Masato Obuchi, Assistant Professor at Wildlife Research Center, Kyoto University; Curator at Japan Monkey Centre
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.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>The aim of this course was to deepen our understandings on the science communication and facilitation. At Japan Monkey Centre, Aichi prefecture, we listened to lectures and did practices with visitors in the center. This workshop was also for training for facilitation in “Kids Jamboree 2017”.</p> <p>In the first half, we listened to a lecture on an introduction of science communication. I learned that Japan has a high-context culture, and that that should be taken into consideration when explaining something. As I have not been aware of these things in my dairy life, the lecture was really insightful.</p> <p>In the following practice, we conducted a brief survey of visitors in the center. I mainly did that around the Africa-Center, where chimpanzees, gorillas, and mandrills are exhibited. I expected that an immature chimpanzee, Mamoru, would gather much attention from visitors. However, against my expectation, I didn’t feel that visitors paid much attention to him compared with other animals (Fig.1). I actually had a short talk with visitors, which made me realize how difficult it is to attract interest from them.</p> <p>In the last half, we listened to a lecture on facilitation. The talk included how different just leading a meeting and facilitating it are, and how to attract other’s interest. The talk on the technique of picture-story show in Showa era was especially interesting.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">  </div> </div> <p>Figure 1. An immature chimpanzee, Mamoru (right). I expected that his cute way of moving and charming face would attract visitor’s attention. However, it turned out that visitors paid less attention to him than expected (the photo was taken during another practice course).</p>

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I felt that what this workshop taught us is interesting and at the same time, that it is so difficult to acquire. I hope I can make a good use of the lecture in future presentations and so on.

6. Others

I am grateful to Mr. Obuchi for the management of the workshop. I also thank to visitors in Japan Monkey Centre for their cooperation.