

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Japan/ Tokyo, Tokyo International Forum
2. Research project
Marunouchi Kids Jamboree
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2017. 8. 14 – 2017. 8. 17 (4 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Ms. Reiko Takizawa, Assistant Professor at Wildlife Research Center, Kyoto University 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.
<p>The aim of this trip is to participate the “Marunouchi Kids Jamboree” and experience the outreach activity. I hadn’t join the planning and preparation beforehand. Other students and researchers had prepared the sophisticated exhibition. I had a short talk with many visitors, mainly about the exhibition (Fig.1). We gave visitors a worksheet to fill in, which helped me to communicate with children. When I talked with school boys and girls, I tried to make my talk easy as much as possible, explaining the meanings of words such as “field” or “lab”. I think that I should have made more efforts to lead them to get interested. Moreover, even when visitors got interested in the exhibition, I sometimes failed to make them satisfied because of the lack of knowledge on the contents of the exhibition. I should have asked other participants about the exhibition beforehand.</p> <p>In the morning on 16th, I joined the lecture presented by Prof. Hirata at Wildlife Research Center. The lecture was mainly about great ape’s psychology and behavior. I could learn many things from the lecture. What made me surprised was that some participants actively asked questions showing a strong curiosity. I had made the cards and string-pulling apparatus used in the lecture. The card was for “concentration game of chimpanzee’s face”. While I was making the card, I felt it too difficult for school boys and girls. However, I saw many participants enjoy the game. Some of them even said “I want to take cards home”, which made me happy.</p>



Figure 1. The specimens of insects displayed in the event. Visitors may have a little chance to observe them with a microscope in their daily life, so not only children but also adults enjoyed it. The specimens are partly broken, implying many children got interested in them.

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This event provided me with a good opportunity to talk with general citizens about animals or research. I want to make a good use of this experience in my daily life or future research activities.

6. Others

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