

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Japan/Yamaguchi prefecture, Tokiwa Zoo
2. Research project
The 4 th forum for the earth environment with Ube City Sarurinpic ~challenge animal’s abilities
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2017. 8. 19 – 2017. 8. 20 (2 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Ms. Rie Akami, Chief Curator at Japan Monkey Centre. Mr. Masato Obuchi, Assistant Professor at Wildlife Research Center, Kyoto University; Curator at Japan Monkey Center
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.
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This forum provided me with a chance not only to do presentation to general citizens but also to see the effort made by the zoo and the city with my own eyes. Even though the trip was very short, it was so valuable.



Figure 2. The monkey bar displayed in the workshop. The aim was to let participants to challenge the brachiation skill of gibbons.

6. Others

I appreciate Ms. Akami, Mr. Obichi, Ms. Tanaka at Japan Monkey Centre, and Ms. Asami at Primate Research Institute for their kind cooperation. I also thank to the staffs at Tokiwa Zoo and Ube City for their kind support.