

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit

Tokyo, Japan

2. Research project

“KOUDOU 2017” (77th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society of Animal Psychology)

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2017. 8. 29 – 2017. 9. 1 (4 days)

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

The University of Tokyo, Komaba Campus

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.

This was a united conference of several related academic societies in Japan, including the Japanese Society of Animal Psychology, which I belong to. The meeting was from 8/30 to 9/1.

On the first day I joined the oral presentation session of the Japanese Society of Animal Psychology. I had a presentation about my master study, the body inversion effect in chimpanzees. It won the best oral presentation award. This session were all English presentations so I could enjoy the talks without any problems. The research topics were very diverse.

I also joined the symposium on animal welfare on the first day. Dr. Robert Shumaker, the director of Indianapolis Zoo in the US, gave a talk about the orangutan cognitive enrichment in their zoo. I visited Indianapolis Zoo last summer with the guidance of Dr. Christopher Martin, who also works with the orangutans there. I was really impressive by the facilities and the enrichment programs for the orangutans. They have computer tasks for orangutans to operate on the touch screen for cognitive enrichment, and this could be seen by visitors directly. Zoo visitors then could have more understanding of the cognitive capacities of orangutans and be more aware of their living and welfare.



I joined other symposia and the poster sessions on the first day and the second day. I also enjoyed the party in the evening of the second day. I had the opportunity to talk with many people about research and animal welfare.

On the third day I joined the symposium on behavior measurement in animal studies. Researchers introduced various kinds of new technology to use in the animal studies.

I learned a lot at this conference. I really enjoyed it.

6. Others

I would like to thank PWS for supporting this trip.