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1. Country/location of visit

Malaysia, Kuching

2. Research project

55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation 2018

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2018.06.27~2018.07.04 (8 days)

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation 2018 Secretariat

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.

The Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation is held every year around the world. This is a large-scale conference where researchers and students from various countries from Southeast Asia to Africa participate.

The purpose of this trip is to expand my knowledge by meeting various researches and researchers, exchange opinions and utilize it for my own research.

Opening ceremony and Key note lecture was held on the first day. The opening ceremony was a magnificent event where Sarawak State Prime Minister attended and dance and songs were included. According to local students, Sarawak State, which has not been attracting researchers in the past unlike Sabah State where there are many research institutions, actively attract researchers in recent years. The event seemed to be the largest in the past, and 565 oral presenters and 120 poster presenters were participating. Male-female ratio of participant was exactly half, and when the organizer told that, the participants applauded. In the lecture, June Mary Rubis of Oxford University talked about conservation of orangutans. In addition, it was very memorable for me to see the member of Sakaerat Conservation and Snake Education team which I joined internship in Thailand about 4 years ago when I was an undergraduate student. On the second day I made my poster presentation. The title of my poster was "Measuring habitat preferences of African

elephants in Kibale National Park, Uganda." I was nervous a bit because there were few Japanese presenters, but the poster core time was done peacefully in all the time. Participants positively talked to me and asked questions I felt that I got good opinions and advices from many directions because I could talk with researchers from various countries around the world.

Although I was able to participate for a short period of time because of the interview for my job hunting in Tokyo, I was able to have a meaningful time by listening to the presentations of many researchers working on the conservation issue of wild animals including elephants.



Fig 1. Opening ceremony



Fig 2. Poster presentation

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Fig 3. Core time of poster presentation



Fig 4. Colleagues of snake team in Thailand

6. Others

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