

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Kenya, Nairobi
2. Research project
The 27th International Primatological Society Congress
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2018. 8. 18 – 2018. 8. 27 (10 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
The International Primatological Society/United Nations Nairobi
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>During this visit, I participated in the 27th International Primatological Society Congress in Nairobi, Kenya.</p> <p>The schedule was as follows: 2018/8/18-8/19: Going to Nairobi. 8/19-8/24: The congress in United Nations. 8/25: We went to Nairobi National Park. 8/26-8/27: Going back to Japan.</p> <p>I enjoyed the congress very much.</p> <p>There were quite a lot of sessions about primate cognition, and many interesting talks. I had an oral presentation about my work on body perception in chimpanzees on the first day. It got many good comments.</p> <p>I met some colleagues from St. Andrews and had a chance to know about the "ManyPrimates" project led by them and Dr. Manuel Bohn. The project is just started. It aims to replicate simple cognitive experiments in primates of the world to get large sample sizes and phylogenetic results by collaboration of the primate researchers worldwide. It is still under discussion, but I think this kind of collaboration would lead to very systematic scientific findings that could never be done by a single institute.</p> <p>I also met many researchers from China. We had a good time together. Currently there are many projects about primate behavioral ecology, and a few that are related to cognition, e.g. vocalization, decision making when the group moves, but not really primate cognition research from the psychological aspect.</p> <p>On the last day, we went to the National Park in Nairobi. We saw many wild animals there. It was a bit strange to see the wild animals against the background of the city buildings and factories, but it was fantastic that they seemed peaceful and having a wild life.</p>

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(United Nations)



(My presentation. Photo by Liu Jie)



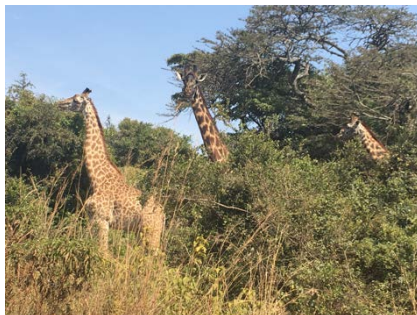
(A monkey inside UN)



(Baboons on the street)



(Zebras in the National Park)



(Giraffes)



(An ostrich)

6. Others

I would like to thank PWS for supporting this wonderful trip.