

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Inuyama-shi, Aichi pref.
2. Research project
PWS zoo/museum course
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2016.6.25-2016.6.28
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
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.
<p>The aim of this trip is to learn about "PhD curator" and to try to communicate with guests about animals and wildlife.</p> <p>The schedule of this trip is as follows.</p> <p>6/25 Lecture /zoo tour</p> <p>6/26 Lecture /guest research practice/Monkey salon/Science communication practice</p> <p>6/27 veterinarian lecture /lecture</p> <p>6/28 zookeepers practice/lecture</p> <p>On 25th June, I have the lecture from Prof. Idani about history of JMC and primatology. I think it was very good effort to let all JMC staffs go to where wild primates live in as training course. I am looking forward to being JMC more and more good facility from each staffs idea.</p> <p>Then I took a walk in JMC with Watanuki curator. The new facilities in JMC seemed very good for animals, but old facilities seemed to have many problems. Also I could observe "Loris convention center". This facility was for Slow Loris which was sold by illegal trade. I think it was one of the very important Mission for zoo.</p> <p>On 26th, I took the lecture from Takano curator about missions of the zoo as museum. JMC is the only zoo which are registered as museum in Japan. I was impressed to learn it is very important to output some information for people to enhance the value of collection.</p> <p>Then I do guest research practice. I ear dropped conversation of guests who observed Spider monkey. I predicted guests speak about hair-less tail, but guests did not observed so precisely. It was very good experience to hear guest's feelings for improve the exhibits.</p> <p>In the afternoon, I had the science communication practice. I tried to communicate about the brilliant body color of Francois' Lutong baby. Many guests just passed over this animal, so I made effort to make guest stop to observe the monkey. It was very interesting to communicate with guests about the topic I wanted to tell.</p> <p>On 27th, I had veterinarian lecture. I observe anticonception operation of Mandrill and suture removal operation of cynomolgus monkey and ring-tailed lemur. I learned veterinarian must be flexible. For example, in this operation, If patient has a baby, it is better for use melting strings not to be wound open by baby. In the afternoon, I had lecture about what is the exhibition. I learned there are many ways to exhibit the collections such as taxonomic way or zoogeography way and so on. Then I observed anatomy of ring-tailed lemur. It was little bit scarely, but very interesting.</p>

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On 28th, I had zookeeper practice. I made some enrichment in Anubis baboon. I cut bamboo and put pellets in it. It was broken quickly by baboons, but many individuals play and feed with this material. In the afternoon, I had the lecture about importance of field work. I think it was very important to observe not only animals but also peoples there.

In this course, I could learn how hard and how difficult and how interesting to be curator in the zoo is. I want to get some job which do some communication with people about how wonderful wildlife is. It was very good experience for my future and I will use this experience in my field.



Pic 1. Veterinarian practice



Pic2. Anatomy practice

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Pic3. specimen practice



Pic4. zookeeper practice

6. Others

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