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1. Country/location of visit

Sasagamine hutte, Niigata prefecture

2. Research project

Sasagamine field course

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2016.07.29-2016.08.01

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Associate professor, Shigeru Sugiyama, Shizuoka university

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 objectives of this field course were to learn skills in a field. Main topics of this course were to take a walk around the hutte, observing observe plants and climbing Mt. Hiuchi.

At first day, we took a walk to observe plants and got a lecture of dangerous plants and eatable plants after we arrived at the hutte. At second day, we trailed a swamp around the hutte in morning. We got a lecture of how to read maps and rope works. At third day, we climbed Mt. Hiuchi. At forth day, we learned a counterplan at emergency. I could learn many things which I didn't know. Its will help me in my field work.

I had trouble remembering names of plants, because I knew few names. I could feel changing vegetation as we climbed higher. I watched adaptation for environment.

In the lecture of a rope work, we learned some ways of tying. Teachers said that it was important not only to remember the way of tying, but also to imagine situation in which we may use this way. To get some way of tying effectively, we need to experience some situation in the field.

I got fulfilment when we arrived at the top of a mountain. I didn't have a experience to climb a mountain which is higher than 2000m. The only thing is that I couldn't see anything because of clouds.

I confirmed an attitude against safety as a fieldworker through getting a lecture and experiences. If I encountered a situation beyond my expectation on a fieldwork, I would be calm and never give up coping with a difficult situation. Then, landscape from the hutte was so beautiful and motivated me. I want to visit there, if I have a chance.



At the top of a mountain



The exterior of the hutte

6. Others

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