

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
Japan, Myoko-highland
2. Research project
Sasagamine Field work
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2016. 08. 01 – 2016. 08. 04 (4 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Prof. 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.
<p>The Sasagamine field science course was held from August 1st to 4th 2016 and 6 students (4 from PRI, 1 from WRC and 1 from ASAFAS) were participated. The goal of this course was to learn survival skills and to have a field experience climbing Mt. Hiuchi.</p> <p>[Schedule of the course] Aug.1st:Arrived at Kyoto University Hutte and explore the surrounding area. Aug.2nd:Walked around the area without any road by using map and compass before noon. Back to the Hutte, then prepare for climb to Mt. Hiuchi via a rope training course. Aug.3rd:Climbed Mt. Hiuchi (12hrs). Astronomic observation. Aug.4th:Left the Hutte to PRI.</p> <p>Myoko highlands was perfect place to do this field course. I could see many wildlife contain red foxes and a big raptor (probably <i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i>) and many butterflies. Prof. Sugiyama told us not only survival skills but also the way to observe living things. So that we could tell the characteristic plants and insects and learn them. Vegetation in highlands was also impressive. During climb Mt. Hiuchi, third day, a high moor named Tengu-no-niwa: means the field of long nosed goblin was so beautiful. There were many alpine plants and insects gathering their flowers.</p> <p>During climbing, sometime it felt difficult to follow the adviser closely because we had only one adviser, Mr Sugiyama, led us. However, there were some participants who were good at taking picture or climbing mountain so that we could teach each other. That time was wild berry season, which makes me happy. Climbing mountain was not though for me and enjoyable for everyone.</p> <p>We learned the way to use rope and lightweight tent as survival skill. That was just introduction, so I felt it was not enough to use those skills when we face a crisis. We need more practice.</p>

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Picture1: Butterfly with feces



Picture2: Caterpillar with bright color marks



Picture3: Grasshoppers



Picture4: Rest



Picture5: Kyoto university Hutte



Picture7: Survival practice



Picture6: Mt. Yakiyama with volcanic steam

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6. Others

I would like to thank PWS program and everyone on this course for their kindness and great company.