

Research Activity Report
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1. Country/location of visit
京都大学 益川ホール/Kyoto
2. Research project
Jane Goodall Cosmos prize lecture (From "In the Shadow of Man" to "Reasons for Hope")
3. Date
2017. 11. 07
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Prof. Tetsuro Matsuzawa, Kyoto University
5. Progress and results of your research/activity
Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide a brief description.
<p>The International Cosmos Prize is an annual award presented by the Expo'90 Foundation. Its purpose is to honor those who have, through their work, applied and realized the ideals which the Foundation strives to preserve. This year, Dr. Jane Goodall has been awarded the Cosmos Prize for her research on chimpanzees that has demonstrated the true nature of humans and their evolutionary origin, as well as her many contributions to conservation.</p> <p>When I think about primatology and/or conservation, Jane Goodall always comes to my mind as one of the most remarkable figures. Her contribution to chimpanzee research and protection brought many advances to primatology, and inspired students and researchers to pursue studies on animal welfare. Her projects, such as Roots and Shoots, and the foundation of Jane Goodall Institute, have contributed extensively for environmental, conservation and humanitarian issues. Because of all those achievements, she was the winner of the International Cosmos Prize 2017.</p> <p>The commemorative lecture was held in Kyoto University, with the participation of Prof. Tetsuro Matsuzawa, member of the Cosmos Prize screening committee, and Prof. Juichi Yamagiwa, current president of Kyoto University. First, Prof. Tetsuro Matsuzawa opened the commemorative lecture by talking about Dr. Goodall's work, and how her research was important for his investigation on chimpanzee cognition. He also showed new videos about his recent publication on task cooperation between chimpanzees. In sequence, the president of Kyoto University, Prof. Juichi Yamagiwa talked about his work in Africa with gorillas, and emphasized why such studies are important and why Dr. Jane Goodall deserved the award. Finally, Dr. Jane Goodall gave a splendid talk about her earliest dream to study wild chimpanzees, all the challenges she faced to make it come true, and the recent outcomes of her career. As usual, her lecture was very inspiring, and reflected why she deserved the International Cosmos Prize, and the very many awards and honors that she has received so far.</p> <p>In 2014, I visited Gombe Stream National Park, in Tanzania, with the support of PWS. I was fascinated to see for the first time wild chimpanzees, and quite surprised (and scared) for being so close to them. I kept thinking about how hard Jane's work had been back in 1960 to study and habituate them. After the lecture, there was a social gathering, where for the first time I had the opportunity (and courage) to meet Dr. Jane Goodall. Although it was a brief meeting, I am very happy and honored for talking to her. It is quite encouraging to hear her experiences and to see how much she devotes her life to make the world a better place.</p>

Figure 1 Dr. Jane Goodall with Kyoto University Students

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6. Others

I would like to express my gratitude to Prof. Matsuzawa and PWS for supporting my trip to attend this special lecture, to Prof. Matsuzawa, Prof. Yamagiwa, and Dr. Jane Goodall for the very inspiring talks.