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1. Country/location of visit

Shirahama (Seto Marine Biology Lab), Kyoto (City Zoo), Otsu (CER) & Inuyama (PRI and JMC), Japan

2. Research project

Inter-Lab

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2019. 04. 04 - 2019. 07. 09

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Akira Asakura, Michitaka Shimomura (Seto Marine Biological Laboratory); Masayuki Tanaka (Kyoto City Zoo); Atsushi Ishida (Center for Ecological Research); Masaki Tomonaga (PRI); Yuta Shintaku (JMC); Takafumi Nakano, Shigeo Yachi, Satoshi Yamamoto (GSC).

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.

I joined the Inter-Lab Course as a 2019 new graduate student in the Primate Research Institute and could visit different laboratories and institutes connected to Kyoto University.

We went to the Kyoto City Zoo in a guided-tour. At the chimpanzee enclosure we could see touch-screen activities, similar to those I saw at PRI. My favorite explanations were about the elephants and their facilities. I found fascinating the use of elephant feces in the composting machine. Also, we visited the Kyoto City Zoo Exhibition "Our World is full of Wonders!" showing pictures and descriptions of researchers from KU. I could see my picture there with the depiction "Aiming to improve the welfare of Japanese macaques, we are studying facial expressions to understand how they express pain". On the same day we visited the Center for Ecological Research in Otsu. CER was stablished in 1991 and promotes 3 approaches to research: field observation + experimental + theory. We visited different laboratories and I was glad to know we were welcome to consult the researcher in cases related to our own researches.

Next day, we traveled to the Seto Marine Biological Laboratory, in Shirahama. We visited the aquarium and I could see one of my favorite marine creatures: jellyfishes (Aurelia sp.). Also, we had 5 lectures from the researchers in the station. I was very impressed with the Minakata Kumagusu Museum. We had a guided tour, and I stayed some more time to observe his drawings. His life story is very interesting. On the next day we had some free time and I could take a walk on Shirahama beach and explore the city.

On the last day we visited the Primate Research Institute and the Japan Monkey Center in Inuyama. At JMC, we had a tour guided by Dr. Yuta Shintaku, curator of the museum. At PRI, we watched a documentary about the institute's history and visited the museum close to the restaurant area that I didn't know existed. Also, we could observe the captive Japanese macaques in the open enclosure and the chimpanzees performing their touch-screen activities.

During that week I also joined the University Entrance Ceremony for new graduate students in Kyoto.

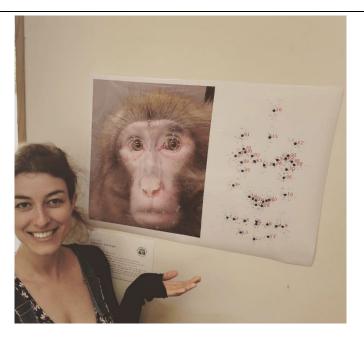
This course showed me the diverse expertise areas and places we can rely to conduct our research at Kyoto University. Also, it was a very nice experience to spend the week and become friends with other students from both campi (Kyoto and Inuyama).

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My research entitled "Pain Management and Anesthesia in Japanese Macaques" on the Exhibition "Our World is full of Wonders!" at Kyoto City Zoo in April 2019



Observation deck at the Minakata Kumagusu Museum, Shirahama

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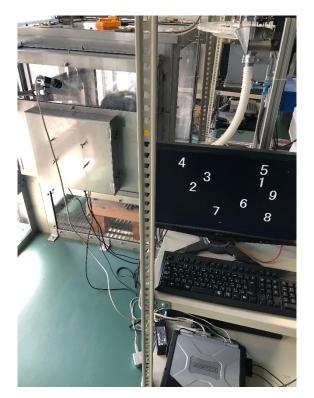
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Sea anemone at Kyoto University Shirahama Aquarium



Touch-screen cognitive tasks for chimpanzees at the Primate Research Institute, Inuyama

6. Others

I would like to thank PWS for the support. Also, thank you to all professors and researchers that guided and stayed with us the whole week.

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