Research Activity Report
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1.   Country/location of visit
Myoko-highland, Niigata
2.   Research project
Sasagamine Field Science Course (Non-snow season)
3.   Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2014. 7. 22 – 2014. 7. 25 (4days)
4.   Main host researcher and affiliation
Kyoto Univ. Alpine Club / Sasagamine Hutte
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.

  Field researchers should know the environment where the focused animals live. This training course has lectures and hikes to get knowledge for field work and have a fun (it is important, because all the research has begun with interest.)
  We were lectured about rope works, bivouac and how to use maps and compass. All were very practical, even on daily life. Hikes were around the hutte, Karasawa creek and Mt. Hiuchi. Mt. Hiuchi is 2462m high, it was not easy to climb, but everyone who took part in could reach the summit. I've regretted that we did not learn about the alpine plants or practice the use of maps and compass sufficiently among climbing the mountain.

Left: around hutte
Center: stream
Right: in the night, there got totally dark

Left: Karasawa creek
Center: tadpoles
Right: the sign of an animal (maybe deer)

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Left: mist at the entrance of the mountain
Right: kouyaike lake

Left and Center: nearby the summit, characteristic plants
Right: Ginryo-sou (*Monotropastrum humile*), one of the saprotrophic nutrition plants

6. Others