


**Research Activity Report**  
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<b>1. Country/location of visit</b>
Sasagamine, Nigata, Japan
<b>2. Research project</b>
Sasagamine Field Science Course (Snow Season)
<b>3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)</b>
2015. 3. 25 – 2015. 3. 28 (4days)
<b>4. Main host researcher and affiliation</b>
Kyoto University, Sasagamine Hutte
<b>5. Progress and results of your research/activity</b> (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>Sasagamine Field Science Course was conducted for the purpose of learning survival technique for the field work. Comparing to summer season of Sasagamine, it was expected to experience the seasonal change so as to learn how to work there. The contents of the practice include walking training on snow about 4m deep with snow shoes and skis, the observations of Sasagamine ecology of the snow season, the knowledge about snow slides and how to make igloo. I am sure to achieve the purpose of experiencing the circumstance of snow areas through this practice.</p>  <p>▲ The snow view from Sasagamine Hutte</p>

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▲ The autumn view from the same



▲ The animal track on snow

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▲Climbing up to a slope with skis



▲Igloo (version; Kyoto University Mountaineering Club)

## 6. Others

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