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1. Country/location of visit
Japan/Sasagamine
2. Research project
Mountaineering practicum
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2015. 07. 23 – 2015. 07. 26 (4 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Pr. Sugiyama, Shizuoka University and Pr. Koshima, Wildlife Research Center, Kyoto 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>Sasagamine hütte is located at 1,300 m of altitude, in Myoko kogen, Nigata prefecture. The huette was built in 1929 by the Kyoto Imperial University Travel Club, which included Kinji Imanishi, the founder of Japanese Primatology. Since then, many researchers from Kyoto University Primate Research Institute and Wildlife Research Centre have visited the huette, all having a common passion: mountain climbing. In 1999, the huette was renovated and since then has hosted many international researchers and workshops. The relaxing atmosphere favors conversations among people from different nations, and different fields of research.</p>  <p>Localisation of Sasagamine huette (credit: Google maps)</p> <p>During 4 days, we could enjoy the huette and its surroundings. The group was well coordinated and the various activities well organized. We benefitted from Sugiyama-sensei’s knowledge about the local fauna and flora, and from his experience in the mountain. It was also very nice to have Catherine Hobaiter, Nicolas Langlitz as invited guests; so, we could have interesting discussions about their experience working as field researchers in chimpanzee gestural communication and socio-cultural anthropology.</p> <p>Thanks to PWS, Miku and Reiko for this wonderful journey. I am looking forward to come back in the winter season!</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">Climbing knots (credit: Grog LLC)</p>

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Left: Knot workshop (photo credit: Reiko Takizawa); right: climbing practice



From the map reading workshop to the summit (2461 m). It took us 5h20min to reach the top... (photo credit, bottom right: Reiko Takizawa)

6. Pictures

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Panoramic view on the foot of Mt Hiuchi



On the way to the peak

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Resting primates on the way back

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Sugiyama-sensei demonstrating the multifunction of a tent in case of survival



Princess Duncan



Galettes bretonnes for breakfast. “Survival course”?