



Research Activity Report
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1. Country/locationof visit	Japan (Osaka, Inuyama, Shirahama, Kyoto)
2. Research project	Interdepamental exchange (Inter-lab), April 2016
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)	2016. 04. 04 – 2016. 04. 09 (5 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation	Dr. Shigeyuki Yamato and Dr. Akira Asakura from Seto Marine Biological Laboratory, Dr. Masunaga and Dr Tano, Dr Masayuki Tanaka from Kyoto City Zoo, Dr Yuko Hattori, Prof Michael Huffman, Prof Takakazu Yumoto and Dr. Takashi Hayakawa from Primate Research Center and Japan Monkey Center.
5. Progress and results of your r, esearch/activity (You can attach extra pages if needed)	<p>Please insert one or more pictures (to be publicly released). Below each picture, please provide abrief description.</p> <p>I feel this program is so different from other academic programs, which I have attended so far. Inter-lab gives us a holistic and novel approach to interlink the different fields to our research. By doing so, it is helping us to approach our questions in a different viewpoint than being biased towards particular ideas.</p> <p>During the entire course, I was more active in Japan Monkey center mainly because I could get to go very close to some world’s most endangered species. The Japan Monkey Center may be the only facility in the world to host those many primate species in one place. Observing and thinking about the cognitive abilities of non-human primates like chimpanzee’s was much of an excitement to me. The Kyoto City Zoo hosts five elephants, which I love most to observe and study. This will give me a chance to be with the elephants and to interact with experts like Prof Tanaka and Saki-san to refine my study objectives.</p> <p>Finally, I had two major benefits from this course. One is getting to know the research facilities at the university and second is to meet wonderful fellow students with whom I could learn many things joyfully.</p>
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