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1. Country/location of visit
Sasagamine
2. Research project
Sasagamine field course
3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)
2015.7. 23 – 2015. 7. 26 (4 days)
4. Main host researcher and affiliation
Dr. Kohshima, Professor at 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>I joined Sasagamine Field Course from 23rd to 26th, July. This was the second time I went there. The first time was July, 2014. I was very happy to see Kohshima sensei and Sugiyama sensei again. I had a good time in the hütte with people.</p>   <p style="text-align: center;">(The rainy scenes in Mt. Hiuchi last year)</p>

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(The farm near Sasagamine hütte. Photos taken last year)



(Exhausted me in Mt. Hiuchi last year. Photo credit: Prof. Matsuzawa)

This time, the scenery was still very beautiful. I was sick so I didn't go climbing Mt. Hiuchi. Last year I joined the climbing, and that experience was really impressive. That day it was raining all the time, so the road became extremely difficult. My shoes were very slippery, so the team I was in took two more hours than the first team because I kept being

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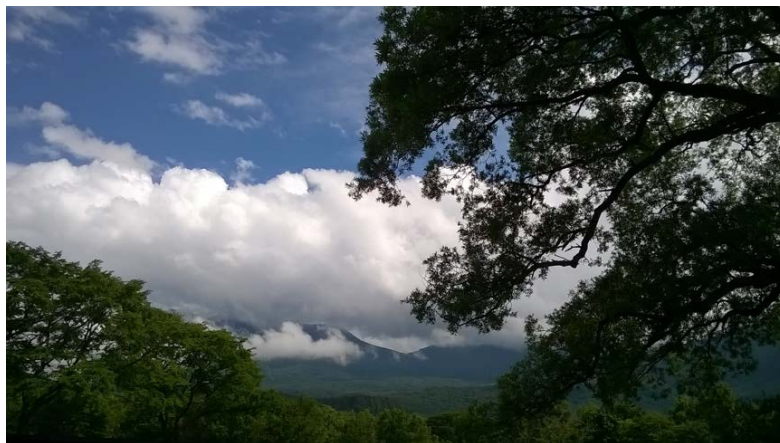
sent to the edge of the cliff by my shoes. This time it was sunny. It was also good to see the view.

When people were away, I stayed in the hütte alone. I played the swing, observed the big tree that the swing is on, read books, and waited for them to come back. It was the most peaceful time. No people, no internet. Sometimes there were birds singing. The flowers were in blossom around the hütte and butterflies were flying in the room.

Before climbing, Yamamoto sensei gave us a lecture about how to use ropes and how to read maps. After that, he explained the route for climbing in detail. Yamamoto sensei is an experienced climber. He was very serious about climbing, and also wanted us to pay enough attention to our safety. To know what the route is like before going there is essential for climbing a mountain. We could arrange our time and energy appropriately according to the specific situations of each session.

In the last day, we had a course about the simple tent given by Kohshima sensei and Sugiyama sensei. The simple tent could be used as a simple tent, a raincoat, a cloth protecting people from the wind, and many other things. They also told us that they lost their direction once in a mountain. The wind was so strong, so they went into the simple tent to prevent body temperature decrease. Away from wind, they gradually calmed down, lit the cigarette, and figured out the right direction. The lesson was to keep calm in extreme situations, because it is the only way to save life.

Apart from the mountain climbing and skill courses, we made fire in the night last year and had barbecue this year. Both were impressive experiences with quiet mountain night atmosphere and natural way of having food. I enjoyed my stay in Sasagamine very much.



(the scene from the balcony)



(learning how to use ropes)

6. Others

Many thanks to Prof. Matsuzawa, Prof. Kohshima, Prof. Sugiyama, Mr. Higuchi, Mr. Yamamoto for leading all the activities, especially the mountain routes in the course. Thank Sawada-san, Ichino-san, Akiyama-san, and Takizawa-san for their kind support and help during the course.