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	Animal Welfare Course
Affiliation/Position	Wildlife Research Center/M1
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1. Country/location of visit

Japan, Kumamoto

2. Research project

Animal Welfare Course

3. Date (departing from/returning to Japan)

2024. 10. 15 – 2024. 10. 18 (4 days)

4. Main host researcher and affiliation

Dr. Hirata, 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.

Day 1

We arrived at Kumamoto sanctuary in the afternoon and had a brief tour of the chimpanzee groups: Gari-group and Tower Group in Building 5, chimpanzees in Building 1, the bonobos in Building 5, the medical room, and the display room.

I was happy to see the bonobos were energetic as usual; the bonobo VJ was very excited about Hirata-sensei and the new students' visit. It was my first time visiting the medical room and display room. I saw many impressive samples. It was a great day.



Our task was to make enrichment beds for the bonobos. I was happy that we could do something for them. Shima-san and I knitted the cradle bed. We helped Nogami-san and Komatsu-san attach the beds and tested them before the bonobos used them to make sure they were safe. It felt so good to sit in the bed—maybe because we put a lot of effort into making it. VJ was curious the whole time, checking from the window.

In the afternoon, we made enrichment for the crow field and placed it there.









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Day 3
The third day was for finishing the crow field enrichment work. Honoka-san and I shoveled all the accumulated soil into the base, helped laying it, and found metal objects and plastic products in the soil. All the members helped draw the baffle for the crows and attach it. It was a lot of work but pretty fulfilling.
Day 4 On the last day, I helped clean up the room and set up sheets for the next visitor.
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