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It was great pleasure to participate in the HOPE-GM conference for me, and I appreciate for including me in this special academic event. What impressed me most in the HOPE-GM conference was the primatologists and their eagerness to combine academic results with practice. I learned a great deal and was fascinated by the superb workshop on primates. Sharing the common goal of understanding and preserving primates, the researchers from the East and the West came to work together, which made me truly excited. The conference was all the more meaningful in that the international primates research community is increasingly concerned with the issue of endangered great apes in Africa.



I firmly believe their collective and cooperative efforts have successfully changed our self-understanding permanently through mirroring ourselves to our nearest relatives. As a member of the Korean primates research team having begun its first step, I hope to join the global faculty, being a decent scholar one day. Hopefully Korea will do its role with its peculiar dynamism in ten years.



PRI in Inuyama City was likely to make great contributions to the study of primates from a scientific perspective. Me and my colleagues were able to gain an invaluable experience in PRI. Meeting Ai and Ayumu also pleased me greatly, as they have now become celebrated chimpanzees honoring Japan's scientific excellence. I wish them to be healthy and happy. I'm pleased to share my experience at Kyoto and

Inuyama with other researchers ☺

