

Brief of the Japan Conservation Seminar for Birds of Prey

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The conservation of birds of prey is important activity in the world. There are a lot of programs to conserve birds of prey in the world such as preservation of the habitat and restoration of rare species. The rescue and rehabilitation of injured birds of prey is also one of the conservation works. In the case of overseas countries, there are special facilities for the rescue works in the university. However, the structure of the works is not enough in Japan as compared with other such countries.

Therefore, we have held the seminar so that active rescue works are introduced from domestic and foreign experts to find a new understanding. In this time, we had a good opportunity to know the situation of birds of prey in China that is an important area for migrator from Japan.

Speakers in the seminar were Dr. Song Jie (Professor, College of Life Sciences, Beijing Normal University, <http://cls.bnu.edu.cn/>), Dr. Sun Quanhui (Project Manager, International

Fund for Animal Welfare Beijing Raptor Rescue Center, <http://www.brcc.org.cn>), Dr. Keisuke Saito (Representative, Institute for Raptor Biomedicine Japan, <http://www14.ocn.ne.jp/~irbj>) and Keiya Nakajima. Prof. Song introduced the research progress of raptor conservation at Beijing Raptor Rescue Center. Dr. Sun introduced promotion of animal welfare through raptor rescue and rehabilitation. Dr. Saito introduced the conservation activities for wild endangered raptors in Hokkaido (Northern island in Japan). I also had short presentation to introduce the status of rescue works for injured birds of prey in Japan with recent results of JFC. The advantage of Japanese falconry skill on the rescue works was also introduced with various examples.

It seems that a lot of concrete examples were useful for the participants to know the current situation. The number of participants was about 50 including important persons such as staff of agency, corporation, veterinarian, student, researcher and general public.

We wish that it would be good guide to future activities in Japan.

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