

## Field Trip Report

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We went to Nagano prefecture for field trip. We visited Kamikochi, Monument for the innovation of sericulture, Matsumoto castle and Wasabi farm. Through this trip, I could learn many things about Nagano. The most interesting and impressive topic for me is environmental problem in Kamikochi.

Kamikochi is one of the famous place for trekking in Japan. Scenery is very beautiful, water and air are very clean as you can see in picture below. In Meiji period, Walter Weston who is British missionary introduced three mountain ranges in midland in Japanese main island as “Japanese Alps” to Europe.

The number of tourist has been increasing. Especially after constructed “New Kama Tunnel”, it becomes easier to come to Kamikochi for tourists and now hundreds of thousands people visit there in a year. Because of overload from human activity to the environment, some environmental issues appeared. For example sewage treatment problem, garbage problem, beating out of land, immigration of alien species and so on.

To protect environment, Kamikochi was designated as special protection area in national park, and Japanese government set some strict regulations.

In our trip, Ozaki sensei explained about Kamikochi’s environmental issues with some chemical analysis result. On the surface, Kamikochi has beautiful and clean nature but



now I understand it faces serious environmental issues. It is very sad that the people who want to see beautiful scenery destroy nature of Kamikochi. To avoid it, we have to observe the rule and protect great natural environment.