

## **Kamikochi/Matsumoto field trip training Report**

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In this field trip, we went to Kamikochi in Nagano. We saw beautiful nature and historic places. For this report, I wrote about Myojin-ike which we visited on the first day of the trip.

The pond which is called Myojin-ike was made by collapsing gravels from Myojindake and filled with underground water from Myojindake. I was impressed by the sight of the pond because its amazing clear water. We could see the bottom of the pond and legs of swimming ducks. The underground water always spring out to the pond so the clarity of the water in the pond is maintained.



Kamikochi was considered a sacred place where the gods live. However, after the rapid modernization of Japan, more visitors had come to here and most of them had used car. Therefore the nature including Myojindake also had environmental impacts.

Nowadays they control the number of cars to protect the nature from impacts like car fumes, erosion of the topsoil and so on.

Overall, my wish to protect this beautiful nature has grown stronger. I made my mind to keep it for the next generation, and beyond. There are many things we can do on this account. For example, analyzing the water to monitor its quality, controlling the amount of visitors and broadening our knowledge about the nature like Myojin-ike. I would like to decide what I can do for environmental problems to keep the beautiful nature.