

## CBSG Japan Report 2009

### 1. Membership and staff

We have 50 members and staffs as follows:

- Chairman / CBSG Japan coordinator: Dr. Hiroshi Hori
- In charge of In-situ: Dr. Akira Murayama
- In charge of Ex-situ: Dr. Etsuo Narushima, Dr. Kazuaki Nippashi and Mr. Kazuyoshi Itoh
- In charge of international affairs, contact person: Dr. Kanako Nishimoto
- In charge of academic research: Dr. Shinichi Hayama and Dr. Kumiko Yoneda

### 2. Asian elephant husbandry management training course

While Japanese zoos have kept elephants for a long time, there are issues these zoos can have with keeping elephants. Specifically, many zoos are found in urban areas and often lack sufficient space; there is a trend to avoid keeping males because they can be aggressive; elephant reproduction is not high; and infant mortality is high.

To address some of these issues, and with the cooperation of Chiang Mai University Veterinary Medicine Faculty in Thailand, CBSG Japan has held training courses on elephant reproduction in Japanese institutions since 2003. On February 2009, the 6<sup>th</sup> training course was held. Since 2003, 50 people from 22 zoos, 67 students from 11 schools, and 21 people from other institutions have attended these training courses.

These activities have resulted in academic collaboration between Azabu University and Chiang Mai University. Also, successful Asian elephant reproduction has increased in Japanese zoos since then. This activity has positively affected elephant management in Japanese zoos, which have 120 years of history.

Total Asian elephant husbandry management training course participant

	Enforcement date			Staff		Participant details											
						Total			Student			Zoo			Other		
	Y	M	D	JP	TH	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F
I	2003	9	16-21	5	3	26	14	12	5	2	3	17	10	7	4	2	2
II	2004	11/12	26-01	5	4	21	13	8	5	1	4	10	7	3	6	5	1
III	2005	11/12	26-01	6	3	31	10	21	17	1	16	10	7	3	4	2	2
IV	2006	11/12	29-04	5	2	27	10	17	19	5	14	5	4	1	3	1	2
V	2008	2	23-28	4	3	17	5	12	11	3	8	3	1	2	3	1	2
VI	2009	2	17-22	4	1	16	4	12	10	1	9	5	3	2	1	0	1
	Total			45		138	56	82	67	13	54	50	32	18	21	11	10