

Sophia University - GENV

Ogasawara Trip Day 1 - 2016/03/01

The Ogasawara Islands (also known as Bonin Islands) are a small group of Islands 1000 km southeast of Tokyo. Professor Akemi Ori from our graduate school took us there for a field trip in early March 2016 to study the local flora and fauna as well as problems the islands face.



This is the Ogasawara Maru, the only ferry which is going to the islands. We boarded on the 1st of March at 10:00 am and started our journey. It was very exciting for many of us, because we never had such a big boat journey before. It takes the boat 26 hours reach these very remote islands. At our departure the weather in Tokyo bay area was very good, but as soon as the seas got rougher, many people found out that they had a tendency for seasickness.



While the sun was still shining, we could enjoy beautiful views of the small islands on the way to our destination. But most of the times we just saw the endless sea.



The people spared from seasickness enjoyed a good dinner in the boat restaurant. They also sold local specialties at a reasonable price.



After the dinner and after the outdoor decks closed for nighttime we returned to our shaking sleeping quarters. It was a long day on a boat, and we were just halfway through on our journey.