

Short report [001]

**Emergent symposium, Think how the Japanese get along with ASCOs**  
**~Obligated regulation system and Correspondence~**

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Summary

Date: November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Time: 13:00-15:30

Place: University of Tokyo, Tokyo

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“Establishment of the AOCSJ and  
the meaning of this symposium”

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**1. New regulations on captive  
ASCOs in Japan**

Hiroki Sato, Ministry of  
Environment

**2. Otter trade situation and  
management system in Japan**

Tomomi Kitade, TRAFFIC JAPAN

**3. Efforts for improvement on “Act  
on Welfare and Management of  
Animals”, and exhibited animals**

Sachiko Azuma, PEACE

**4. Management way and situation of  
ASCOs in JAZA**

Sakura Ito, Yokohama Zoological  
Gardens “Zoorasia”

**Part 3. Panel Discussion**

On Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, the Asian Otter Conservation Society of Japan (AOCSJ) was established by researchers to boost conservation activities of otters in Japan. Pet ASCO problem is one of the most serious tasks for us and new regulation system on captive individuals will be started from November 26<sup>th</sup> based on the domestic law (**the Law for the Conservation of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora**) because of the changes on the CITES rank in August. Therefore, our society has held a symposium on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss about new regulation system and share this information with the public. Totally, 55 people including some media journalists have joined this symposium. Hope this symposium can give the effect on the improvement of captive ASCO situation in Japan.