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Title of Project	Primate foundation of cognitive development
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Abstract of Research Project Number of Researchers: 4 Term of Project: 2008–2012	What is the unique feature of human mind and its development? The present study aims to clarify the evolutionary basis of human mind by examining the mind of chimpanzees, the evolutionary neighbors. The focus is the period of puberty, about 8-12 years old. The main subjects are the chimpanzees in Kyoto University and the ones in their natural habitat in Africa. From the viewpoint of comparative cognitive science, we study the information processing, concept, memory, attention, emotion, etc. This will clarify the nature of chimpanzee mind and its constraints. Therefore, it may illuminate the primate foundation of cognitive development.