

Brazilian teachers from UNESCO schools

June13

Brazilian teachers from UNESCO schools visited TGUISS. From SGH, two students of a group named 'It is IT' made a presentation. They have been doing their research, initiating programming education for elementary students consecutively in these four years. Teachers were impressed to know our students targeting children aged 6 to 10 for educating programming.

<Comments by presenters(students)>

We found out that Brazilian and Japanese have many problems in common through our presentation. It was the first time for us to make presentation with a simultaneous interpreter, so we were nervous and were not used to presenting and adjusting the timing. In any case we thought it important to share the mutual research and its result.

One and Only Seminar @ TGUISS (#1)

June14

One and Only Seminar @ TGUISS started again this year. Every time we invite trailblazers, experts and professors, students make the most of learning the latest knowledge as well as acquiring some clues to their project study. For students who are eager to learn more, this is an intensive moment of learning in rather small groups. The first Seminar was done by Mr. Shuntaro Koike who works for Tokyo Inauguration Support Center of National Life Dept. under Japan Finance Cooperation. The theme was 'From IDEA to BUSINESS—how to make business plans.' The Seminar was vibrant, with many students who are planning to apply for the 'Business Plan Contest 2017. Questions and answers kept on and on. Mr. Koike left us a favorable comment that he felt the passion of the students.

Hokuriku Shinkansen Summit

June 17

From **F**six prefectures including Tokyo, students gathered to participate in Hokuriku Shinkansen Summit held at Nagano Prefectural Ueda High School. Two 10th graders, four 11th graders, and one 12th graders joined the program. Some of them were tense, because it was the first time for them to make presentation in front of audience from other schools. They worked so hard to prepare for this exchange program that they could work on the presentation and discussion with all their might. Participants were divided into 4 groups, and in each group, members shared their ideas and talked positively with other students about the same age. Participants also enjoyed having lunch together at Ueda-Jo Castle Park. In terms of constructing future human network, Hokuriku Shinkansen Summit was an occasion of great significance. We will update the report later. We hope participants will make use of this opportunity to develop their project study further.

Fellowship with Vietnamese students

June 19

Second year in a row, we were happy to welcome 20 students from Viet Nam under this exchange program. In the morning, students with his/her buddies attended 10th to 12th graders' classes and then enjoyed lunch. In the afternoon, we held Global Café (#3). Two 12th graders volunteered facilitators. We introduced each other's hometown, school life, and so on. We discussed in small groups and developed the mutual understandings.

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We were delighted to hold the third Global Café, because we could see both our students and Vietnamese students enjoy the program happily and peacefully. Through the discussion, we had a priceless experience. We could learn about the culture of Viet Nam, school life there, which might be sometimes difficult to know easily. We were surprised at their fluent Japanese. Meeting them

made us realize that we should keep understanding the different culture and diversity to promote better exchange with people in other nations.

One and Only Seminar @ TGUISS (#2)

June 21

We invited Prof. Yoshiki Otsuka of Tokyo City University. The theme was 'Environmental issues from the aspect of food consumption.' Starting with genetically modified crops, Mr. Otsuka developed an interesting lecture which enlightened us on our familiar food from scientific viewpoint. One student said, 'It was an eye-opening experience to know about the agricultural product and its producing process. It has something to do with the chemistry. As I am fond of chemistry, I enjoyed listening to Prof. Otsuka's lecture so much.' The other said, 'Has the invention or discovery of gene modification which astonished us really made our world happier? Have chemists and scientists been successful so far for our benefit? These are the questions we need to rethink about.' Prof. Otsuka inspired our students a lot. He let them view the project studies from the different angle.