

Women Leaders Program to Promote “Well-being in Asia”

The 2nd “Well-being in Asia” Program Faculty Development Seminar
(co-hosted by Center for the Studies of Higher Education)

Date & time: May 7, 2014 (Wed) 13:30-15:30

Venue: Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences 1F, Lecture Room 7

Title: "Integrating Gender Equality into Academic Leadership: The Introduction of the AKKA Leadership Program"

Speakers: Kajsa Widén, Head of Gender Equality and Diverse Issues, Lund University,
Inger Lövkrona, Emeritus Professor, Division of Ethnology, Lund University

On May 7, 2014, the 2nd Faculty Development Seminar organized by the “Well-being in Asia” Program was held at the Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences in Higashiyama Campus. Visiting lecturers from the Lund University, Sweden, presented the lecture entitled "Integrating Gender Equality into Academic Leadership: The Introduction of the AKKA Leadership Program" on promotion of gender equality in academic institutions- case study of AKKA Leadership Program at Lund University. AKKA Program started in 2004, and since then, five AKKA Programs have been implemented by the year 2014. AKKA Program aims to increase the number of women in leading positions, raise gender awareness, change discriminating structures and achieve sustainable gender equality. To achieve these aims, the Program runs over one year with 11 full-day intensive meetings, including series of workshops, seminars and project assignments. After introducing the basics of the Program, the lecturers encompassed the topics such as understanding of gender, women leadership, and importance of diversity. Participants included faculties from Nagoya University (Graduate Schools of: Bioagricultural Sciences, Medicine (including Health Sciences), Science, and International Development; International Cooperation Center for Agricultural Education; International Education and Exchange Center; Office for Gender Equality) and Nagoya City University. In the final part of the seminar, the participants were divided into groups of 5-6 and engaged into a group discussion on the topic “How can we apply the ideas of AKKA Leadership Program to Nagoya University (what do we need to do)?”. Although the cultural background of Sweden and Japan is different, both, AKKA Leadership Program and the “Well-being in Asia” Program, have the same goal to increase the number of women leaders. Thus, the experiences of AKKA Leadership Program could be valuable for the future success of the “Well-being in Asia” Program.