

# Nagoya University Program for Leading Graduate Schools Joint Symposium 2015

*Global Leadership in Innovation:  
How will Advanced Technologies affect Society in the Future?*

Date & time: November 3, 2015 13:00-18:00

Venue: ES Hall

After a year since the first Joint Symposium was held, the students of the six leading programs of Nagoya University gathered once again in 2015 to continue the tradition of interdisciplinary exchange and collaboration in addressing issues of the future society. This time the focus was on the innovation and impact of advanced technologies on the society. Rapid technological development undoubtedly brings many benefits, however, young leaders also anticipate some issues and thus, have discussed possible solutions and precautions. In particular, the students have recognized mass production and related consumption of resources and waste disposal, economic disparities, and information technologies as important topics to work on.

The symposium started with Joint Guidance about the Leading Graduate Schools. The following opening remarks were given by Prof. Masayoshi Maeshima, Vice President of Nagoya University and Prof. Naoshi Sugiyama, Coordinator of the PhD Professional. Keynote speaker, Dr. Toru Ujihara, Professor, Graduate School of Engineering, Nagoya University, delivered a speech titled "Do it or not- What is leadership?". The afternoon sessions were designated for student presentations. Divided in three mixed teams, in a way that members of each team belong to different leading programs, the students presented their work on three topics, namely advanced prosthetics, wearable devices for health care, and future farming for healthy food supply. One-hour Discussion which included students, faculties and visitors from the companies aimed at clarifying proposed ideas by pointing at strong and weak points of each project. In addition, participants also debated about future prospects related to the topic. Closing remarks were made by the President, Prof. Seiichi Matsuo.

Overall, around 100 participants attended the symposium. Photos are given below.

