Women Leaders Program to Promote Well-being in Asia

The Opening Ceremony for academic year 2014

Date & time: October 1st (Wed), 2014 9:20-12:00 Venue: Noyori Conference Hall

The Opening Ceremony for the first batch of Program students was held on Oct 1st (Wed), 2014 at Noyori Conference Hall. In the first session, the Program Manager, Dr. Masahide Takahashi (Professor and Dean, Graduate School of Medicine), delivered a speech to 20 students. In the following, the Program Coordinator, Dr. Hiroko Tsukamura (Professor, Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences), introduced the Well-being Program, and handed the certificate of enrollment to each student. Representatives of the first batch, Ms. Arisa Sugimoto (Graduate School of Bioagricultural Sciences) and Ms. Waruni Jayaratne (Graduate School of Education and Human Development) expressed their aspirations and strong will to pursue the Program goals. Dr. Michinari Hamaguchi, the President of Nagoya University, delivered words of encouragement to the first batch and, the first session was closed.

Main emphasis of the second session was engaging keynote speech by Dr. Supa Pengpid (Director, ASEAN Institute for Health Development, Mahidol University) titled "Women leaders in wellness: Developing new leaders". She emphasized leadership is not an inborn ability but a skill that we acquire day by day through personal efforts. Dr. Pengpid's speech followed by intensive Q & A session gave the students a chance to learn what it means to be successful woman leader on a global scale.

