

“Forum 2016, Program for Leading Graduate Schools”

Date & time: November 11th (Fri) 10:00-19:40 & 12th (Sat) 9:00-13:00

Venue: Hilton Tokyo Odaiba

The “Forum 2016, Program for Leading Graduate Schools” was held at the Hilton Tokyo Odaiba on 11th & 12th November.

On 11th November, in the morning, there were two lectures which talked about the transition of business models and the need for global professionals, by two invited corporate managers, Mr. Teruo Asada, Chairman of Marubeni Corporation, and Ms. Sakie T. Fukushima, President & Representative Director of G&S Global Advisors Inc. In the afternoon, two round-table discussions, one on industry-academia collaboration, and another from the student perspective were held. In the round-table discussion from the student perspective, students who got an official job offer from the industry and a student who founded and is managing a company, gave their opinion on education, the Program for Leading Graduate Schools, and their future career. At night, the poster session for gathering doctoral students and HR managers was held. Students introduced their experiences in the Program for Leading Graduate Schools and their research topics to the HR managers.

On 12th November, two information sessions and an address by JSPS were held. The first information session was by NISTEP entitled “Current status of Japan Graduate Database (JGRAD) and its future direction” and the second one was by MEXT entitled “Fundamental idea of the ‘iCODE Program (provisional)’”. At the same time, discussion by students was held in another room. The topic of the discussion was “Expanding the network for students of Leading Programs”. In the last session, participants were divided in six groups and discussed about the career path of PhD holders in industry, academia and so on.

In this forum, there were more than a thousand of participants not only from Leading Programs but also from industry, academia, governmental body and international organizations. The forum ended on a high note.

