

“The Second Annual Open Dialogue between Six Universities”

Date & time: June 11th (Sat.) 13:00-18:30 & 12th (Sun.) 8:30-12:00, 2016

Venue: Higashi-Hiroshima Campus, Hiroshima University

“The Second Annual Open Dialogue between Six Universities of the MEXT Program for Leading Graduate Schools: Composite Category (Pluralistic Society)” was held on 11th and 12th June 2016 at Hiroshima University. On the first day, the Program Coordinator of TAOYAKA program, Prof. Hidenori Okahashi (Hiroshima University) delivered the opening remarks. In the following, keynote address #1 was given by Dr. Jumpei Kubota (Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature) titled “Designing local frameworks for integrated water resources management with and for various stakeholders”. Prof. Kubota is an expert of hydrology and working for several projects related to water resources management in Indonesia and Turkey and so on. As a transdisciplinary researcher with experience, he suggested that researcher should recognize he/she is only one of stakeholders in the community. To develop integrated water resources management in the community, researcher should work in a team with various stakeholders. Dr. Ryuta Takeda (Director, Global Bridge Laboratory, Leave a Nest Co., Ltd.; President, Leave a Nest America Inc.) gave the Keynote address #2 titled “Your expertise is the PASS to cross borders – How do researchers create business”. He proposed the QPMI model, Q (Question; question to the current situation), P (Passion; passion to create a team), M (Mission; mission to resolve the problem), and I (Innovation; innovation to change the world), for researchers to create business. Keynote address was followed by Q & A session, and some students were still asking questions to the speakers during the poster session. In the poster session, the students and staff of the six programs, presented their activities to others and exchanged views with them. In the end of the first day, students had group discussion divided in six groups. Each group chose one topic from the following related to the Keynote address; 1) Challenges and prospects of multidisciplinary approach, 2) How to make the best use of On-site Knowledge, 3) Exploring career options with a doctorate degree in Multicultural x Interdisciplinary approach, and had discussion. Three advisors, Prof. Jumpei

Kubota (Research Institute for Humanity and Nature), Dr. Ryuta Takeda, and Dr. Yuko Ueno (Leave a Nest Co., Ltd.) helped the students' discussion by giving advices. On the second day, each group prepared for the presentation and presented their conclusion on each topic in front of all participants. Students asked questions and gave comments to each other in the following Q & A session. After the students' presentation, the three advisors gave some feedbacks to students. Lastly, Prof. Akimasa Fujiwara (Hiroshima University) delivered the closing remarks. In total, about 80 participants attended this event. Photos are given below.



(Left photo: Poster session, Right photo: Students' group discussion & presentation)