

"Let's take a look into the sea!, Sea and Japan project" was held by Seto Inland Sea Regional Research Center.

The project was held for high school student on September 2 at Aji Marine Station, supported by The Nippon Foundation.

Although the Japan is called "Great Marine country surrounded by sea", students are not learned enough about the sea at school. The project aims that it makes young generation to get to raise the interest for sea due to learn the sea.

At first, the project had been planned to conduct on July 29. However it was postponed by Typhoon approaching. Though, we had been afraid of bad weather this time too, the day was fine and the field study on the sea was also conducted smoothly by survey ship "CalanusIII".

22 participated students were divided into 2 groups, they listened lectures, observed the sea on the survey ship "CalanusIII", and observed samples collected from the sea by microscope. In the lecture and microscopic observation, they learned about the food chain in the sea and the marine environment, and observed plankton using microscope. On the sea observation on the survey ship, they learned about the ecology of the sea, such as actually collecting seabed mud and collecting plankton in Shido Bay, about 5 km away, and checking small creatures.

Finally, the Director of the Seto Inland Sea Regional Research Center, Prof. Tada introduced "Treasure in the sea, Academic Contest 2018" now holding on, and he encouraged participation to the contest.

We are looking forward the high school students will become more interested to the sea, and will know about the relationship with the sea.



Group photo



Project description



To offshore observation



Plankton collection



Collecting bottom mud



Observation of bottom creatures



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Microscopic observation of plankton



Observation of super diatom farming