

① 「英語で考える SDGs」

The Faculty of Social Sciences held an SDG English Summer Camp on the 17th and 18th of August on the Inokashira campus. Eight hard working and highly motivated high school students participated in this two-day camp. We began with an ice breaker which encouraged students to interact with each other and present data they collected from other students using a pie chart. That was followed by an interactive lecture with quizzes so students could evaluate their understanding of each SDG. Other activities included small group discussion and a critical evaluation of how SDGs work together. Students participated in various SDG related games to help them think critically and creatively. In between these thought-provoking activities, Okamura seminar students gave a comprehensible presentation about mindfulness and led fun activities to help the students put the ideas into practice.

All of these activities led to student presentations. Students worked in pairs to develop a presentation focusing on two SDGs. Preparations for the presentations was facilitated by both teachers and students from Okamura-sensei's seminar group. Preparing their own presentations helped deepen the students' understanding of two specific SDGs, relate the goals to Japan, and carefully consider what individuals can do to help solve global problems. The students worked hard on PowerPoint slides, script writing, and speaking. The presentations were well crafted with well-thought-out ideas and detail, which made it difficult to decide which team should win the prizes.

After the camp, the students gave very positive feedback on the activities, and one comment reads "I really enjoyed it! I was nervous at first because of the English language, but I was really glad that I had the courage to come. The activities were fun, and the coin game was thought-provoking. Through the mindful table tennis and other activities, I was able to make friends with people I've never met before, even though I'm a shy person! It was also great to be able to communicate with my partner through making the presentation together. The past two days were really fun and fulfilling. Thank you very much!"

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