

“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 students on August 23 at Aji Marine Station, supported by The Nippon Foundation.

Even though the Japan is called “Ocean Country surrounded by sea”, students are not learned enough about the sea at school. The project aims that it makes young generations to get to raise the interest for sea due to learn the sea.

A total of 22 participants, including high school students and leading teachers, took sufficient measures against new coronavirus infectious diseases such as disinfection, masks, face shields, etc. After that, they conducted lectures, microscope observation and ocean observation.

In the lectures, They learned about the food chain, ecosystem, and fisheries while comparing the land and ocean. And they observed the plankton, which is the beginning of the food chain, with a microscope. In the ocean observation, they went to Shido Bay by survey ship “Calanus III” and experienced plankton collection, seabed mud collection, and organism observation in the seabed mud.

The small aquarium for lab was displayed in the lobby of the Aji Marine Station, and they observed Juvenile leather fishes and frog angler fishes. These are fishes often found in the flowing algae of the Seto Inland Sea, in these days.

The high school students were shining their eyes by touching the world that they could see directly, the world that could only be seen through the lens, and the world that was changing without they found.

At the last commemorative photo, they shouted "it was very fun" toward the shining summer sky. It was the best harvest for this project and the sea of the future.





General explanation



Event explanation



Lecture by Director Tada



Lecture by Deputy Director Ichimi



Boarding "Calanus III" for observation



Explanation of marine sediments



Marine sediment collection



Observation of creatures living on the seabed



Return from ocean



Plankton collection



Microscopic observation of ocean plankton



Aquarium for lab