

(For JSPS Fellow)

Form B-5

Date (日付) **21 June 2012** (Date/Month/Year: 日/月/年)

**Activity Report -Science Dialogue Program-**  
(サイエンス・ダイアログ事業 実施報告書)

- Fellow's name (講師氏名): **Giorgio Fabio COLOMBO** (ID No. **11751**)
- Participating school (学校名): **Toyama Prefectural Toyama High School**
- Date (実施日時): **20 June 2012** (Date/Month/Year: 日/月/年)
- Lecture title (講演題目): (in English) **Researching Law, ADR and Litigation in a Comparative Context**
- Lecture summary (講演概要): Please summary your lecture 200-500 words.  
**Consistently with the requirements asked by Toyama High School, I firstly introduced myself (and my country of origin, Italy) to the students, describing my academic background, and then I explained how legal research could be useful to gain deeper understanding of societies and cultures.**  
**After that, I described some features of Italian Law and Japanese Law (including some historical perspectives) to show some unexpected connections (e.g. the influence of Roman Law on Japanese Civil Code through the German Civil Code). I also gave some hints about how historical developments could influence legal systems (and maybe also vice-versa).**  
**Coming to the specific focus of my research, I discussed with the students about some scholarly explanations about the low impact of litigation in Japan. I described the main theories on this issue (cultural, institutional, rational, informal) and asked about the students' opinion. A short debate followed: the students showed a critical and imaginative approach to the issue, and made some comments.**  
**Then I described the rise of litigation rate in Japan during the last 15 years, and described some possible explanations. Again, I opened the debate and got some impressions and comments by the students. Afterwards I briefly described various form of ADR in Japan.**  
**To conclude my lecture, I gave the students some information about how is to be an international researcher and how speaking at least English is fundamental if you want to pursue a career in international research.**
- Language used (使用言語): **English (and some Japanese)**
- Lecture format (講演形式):
  - ◆Lecture time (講演時間) **105 min** (分), Q&A time (質疑応答時間) **15 min** (分)

- ◆Lecture style (ex.: used projector, conducted experiments)

(講演方法 (例: プロジェクター使用による講演、実験・実習の有無など))

**Lecture accompanied by .ppt presentation. Some debate with the students.**

- ◆Interpretation (ex.: assistance by accompanied person, provided Japanese explanation by yourself) (通訳 (例: 同行者によるサポート、講師本人による日本語説明))

**Some Japanese by myself. Translation by Ritsumeikan Law School Student (particularly useful during debate and Q&A)**

- ◆Name and title of accompanied person (同行者 職・氏名)

**NOZAKI Yujiro, Ritsumeikan Law School student**

- ◆Other note worthy information (その他特筆すべき事項):
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- Impressions and opinions from accompanied person (同行者の方から、本事業に対する意見・感想等がありましたら、お願いいたします。):

**Mr. Nozaki expressed his satisfaction in taking part in the Science Dialogue program. He was also happy for the interest and positive attitude by the students**