

(For JSPS Fellow)

Form B-5

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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): Bostjan BERTALANIC (ID No. P 13719)

- Participating school (学校名): Tsukuba Junior High and Senior High School at Komaba

- Date (実施日時): _____ (Date/Month/Year: 19/10/2013)

- Lecture title (講演題目): (in English) "Stories, history and science"

(in Japanese)

- Lecture summary (講演概要): Please summary your lecture 200-500 words.

I first introduced the concept of stories as an important tool to discover not just a foreign culture, but also as a key concept in historical research. I gave an example of a famous legend from Slovenia and through the story introduced our perception of nature and its role in human society as it has been understood by my ancestors. Through the example we discovered the idea of balance in human approach to nature. I then talked about my personal journey into historiography through my early interest in my family history and how international events affected my local community. I emphasized the role of learning several foreign languages, not just English, as an important step towards a complete understanding of oneself, culture and relations with between other cultures. In the end I discussed the role of history in the scientific process, especially in the context of understanding central social problems as process in a specific time frame. I concluded by presenting some concrete examples of my current research and explained how that contributes to our better understanding of relations between Japan and Southeast Europe.

- Language used (使用言語): English & Japanese

- Lecture format (講演形式):

◆Lecture time (講演時間) 60min (分), Q&A time (質疑応答時間) 15min (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))

projector, slides, maps

◆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))

all by myself

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

◆Other note worthy information (その他特筆すべき事項):

- 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。):

The students were actively involved and expressed great interest in the presentation topic. At the end there was a candid exchange of views regarding the role of learning foreign languages and widening ones own knowledge of foreign cultures through language training. A lot of students commented they would consider further studies about historical topics. I also agreed to visit again in the future and possible give another lecture. I enjoyed my time with the students very much.