

(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): Alexander Tomoaki Taguchi (ID No. P14415)

- Participating school (学校名): Kamaishi High School

- Date (実施日時): 9/10/2015 (Date/Month/Year: 日/月/年)

- Lecture title (講演題目): (in English) How Magnets Have Changed the World We Live In

(in Japanese) 磁力が身近な世界に与える影響

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

I lectured on how magnets and electromagnetism have influenced the fields of science and engineering. First, I talked about myself and my home (Arizona, United States of America). Then I asked the students to talk a little bit about themselves to get them used to speaking in English. After this, I discussed my motivation for becoming a scientist, emphasizing that I want to make a beneficial impact on the world, and that the most important aspect of science is communication and collaboration. The first science topic was MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging). I showed MRI scans of vegetables and humans. MRI is like getting an X-ray scan, but the resolution is much better in an MRI compared with X-ray. Next, we discussed how magnetic resonance techniques can also be used to determine the 3D structure of molecules. I focused the discussion on the structure determination of protein molecules. For the experiments, I had the students build two types of motors. The first one was very simple, and required only a battery, a magnet, a screw, and a wire. The second type of magnet I had them build was more complicated, involving a delicate copper wire loop. In the end, all of the students were successful in building the motors. Finally, I talked about how magnetotactic bacteria build magnets in their bodies to orient themselves with respect to the Earth's magnetic field. The students seemed to have fun and a couple of them asked questions during question time.

- Language used (使用言語): English

- Lecture format (講演形式):

◆Lecture time (講演時間) 100 min (分), Q&A time (質疑応答時間) 10 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))

I used a projector for a PowerPoint presentation and conducted experiments

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- ◆ 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))

No interpretation needed

- ◆ 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。):