

(For JSPS Fellow)

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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) :
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- Participating school (学校名) : Fukui Prefectural Fujishima Senior High School

- Date (実 施 日 時) :
(Date/Month/Year: 日/月/年) 28/01/2015

- Lecture title (講演題目) : (in English) Minimal surfaces

(in Japanese)

- Lecture summary (講演概要) : In my lecture I started by talking about my home country - the UK. In particular I explained how the UK is divided into four countries and how the flag of the UK is formed by the flags of these four countries. Following that, I used photographs to describe my hometown (Hereford) and where I went to university (Bath). Whilst describing these places, I explained how I got involved in mathematics. I then gave an introduction to my research field - differential geometry. As an example I talked about geodesics - the shortest distance between two points on a surface. I demonstrated this idea by asking the students to draw the flight path that they thought I travelled along to get from the UK to Japan. I then explained why such a flight path was used by explaining the geodesics on a sphere. I then defined the mean curvature of a surface and minimal surfaces using a blackboard diagram. After that I gave a demonstration of how to create minimal surfaces using wire frames and soap bubble solution. The students were then each given a piece of wire to bend into a frame and create their own minimal surfaces. I then showed on the projector some interesting examples of minimal surfaces and how the theory of minimal surfaces has been applied in real life. After this I briefly talked about the Gaussian curvature of a surface and Gauss's Theorema Egregium (Gauss's amazing theorem). I then demonstrated how we can apply this theorem

to world maps, pizza eating and relativity. We then had a brief question and answer section after the lecture.

- Language used (使用言語) : English

- Lecture format (講演形式) :

◆Lecture time (講演時間) 70 (分), Q&A time (質疑応答時間) 10 (分)

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

I used a projector but also used the blackboard to draw diagrams. I did an experiment showing how to create minimal surfaces using a wire frame and soap bubble solution. The students were each given a piece of wire to create their own surfaces.

◆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))

◆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。) :

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