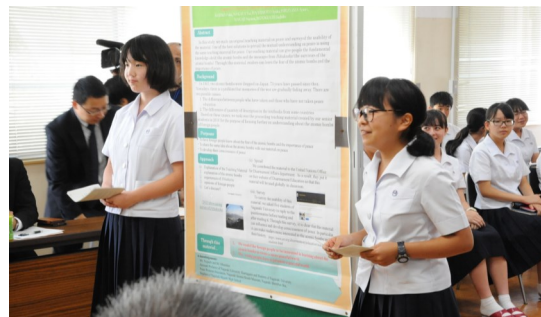


## Mr. Ruslan Esin, Republic of Belarus Ambassador to Japan visits Nagasaki Higashi

On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, Mr. Ruslan Esin, Republic of Belarus Ambassador to Japan visited Nagasaki Higashi, and shared some views on peace with the students from the International Department, 35 from Year 11, Class 6 and 2 from Year 12 Class 7.

### Presentation on Nuclear weapons

Republic of Belarus, located next to Ukraine and close to Chernobyl, underwent substantial radiation damage due to Chernobyl nuclear power plant accident in 1986, so the country is concerned about nuclear problems. This has made the Belarusian government establish a strong relationship with Fukushima Prefecture in Japan, which has also been suffering from radiation damage caused by the accidents at Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant in 2011. The Republic of Belarus further hopes to learn about the damages caused by the atomic bomb, and thus Nagasaki was chosen as the next place for their visit. At the meeting at Nagasaki Higashi, Miss Nodoka Kusano and Miss Nanako Miyazaki from Year 11 Class 6, and Miss Ayaka Hashimoto and Miss Sachiho Mizoguchi from Year 12 Class 7, gave presentations in English on how the Japanese government views nuclear weapons and how peace education is conducted in Nagasaki.



### Discussion on peace

After the presentations, the ambassador and the Higashi students had a discussion, in which how peace education is conducted in Belarus and how the country considers nuclear weapons were talked about. Mr. Esin earnestly listened to and answer every question from the students. It was a very fruitful event.



### Comments from the students

“I learned many things about Belarus. For example, there is an exhibition during summer break in which every student displays what they have researched on peace, and the school year starts with peace education. I also learned that Belarus puts great emphasis on peace education. Now I feel Belarus is much closer than before.” “When I heard Mr. Ambassador say he would propose the study materials made by Nagasaki Higashi students be used in Belarus, I strongly felt our research work having gone one step forward.”