



## SGH Lecture

On Thursday, September 24th, we invited Mr. Masahiro Fukuhara, a CEO of the Institution for a Global Society, who gave a lecture with the theme of “To be an active participants in society in 2030s.” To all Year 10 students and 80 parents of theirs, he talked about the economy of Japan, the Japanese people’s current English speaking ability, the perspectives of the effects of artificial intelligence on future society, the abilities required for the time to come, and so on. He extended his talk about the entrance exams to come and the significance of such requirements as metacognition, logical thinking and critical thinking. His message “it will benefit you all to acquire new things through SGH programme at the high school level” inspired the students very much. Many students seemed motivated to look at things from many angles and to keep communication as effective as possible.



## A Writing Workshop

On Monday, September 28th, we invited Ms. Sayaka Toyama from Nagasaki University College Education Innovation Center for a writing workshop. She gave Year 10 students a lecture and four activities on how to make a logical report, which is the goal of SGH study 2015. She taught the students, through pair work, the detailed process of report-making and the differences between facts, opinions and sentiments. She hoped that the SGH students would be able to think logically before expressing their opinions. She also said that effective note-taking skills would improve not only the academic skills but also the social skills. Some comments from the students: “I will try hard not to put my feelings into my report.” “I will think hard and take good notes in classes from now on.” “What I learned today will surely help me with the essays for the college entrance exam.” Each research group is now determined to activate what they have learned and work on the mid-term report which is due on Tuesday, December 8th.

