

## *Lectures by Graduate School Students*

On Tuesday, February 2nd, 18 graduate school students from the Leading Graduate School Program in Doctoral Course at Nagasaki University Graduate School of Biomedical Science visited Nagasaki Higashi to give lectures. 9 of the 18 lecturers were from Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Vietnam and Taiwan. Having introduced themselves in English, they brought up infectious diseases such as malaria and hydrophobia, and further explained what causes them, how they spread, how many people are affected annually, what symptoms they bring about, and more importantly how they can be prevented. After that, Nagasaki Higashi students, divided into small groups, discussed in English the basic knowledge of various infections and the precaution measures in overseas travels. 38 participating Higashi students commented "Thanks to the booklets and visual aids presented by the graduate school students, I could understand the topic including some difficult technical terms," "Today's event helped me learn through English about the infectious diseases which I had known very little. This will surely help me through my SGH research." Ms. Kumagami from Nagasaki University Center for Language Studies, who was supervising the lectures, remarked "I was so impressed with Nagasaki Higashi students actively trying to communicate in English."



## *Use soap to combat infectious diseases*

After the lectures, 3 high school students from Group 8 in Class 1-6 (Miss Yamamoto, Miss Kozasa, Mr. Goto), who are working on the research theme "Public sanitation~lives soap can save," held a handwashing workshop for 40 students of Year 9 junior high school students, with the help of the guest lecturers. The group delegate taught the boys and girls how to soap-wash thoroughly the fingertips, between the fingers and even the wrists, and then the attendees had their hands checked for the parts left unwashed. The Year 9 students were totally surprised to find more unwashed spots of their hands than they had expected. The three high school students expressed their desire to teach handwashing to people in foreign countries like Vietnam.



Handwashing workshop



Guest lecturers' supports



Machine to check for  
unwashed spots