

An SGH Keynote Lecture

“Try to use your life for something that does change the world.” by J.Watson

On Monday, May 9th, we invited Dr. Shigeru Katamine, the President of Nagasaki University, to our school. He gave us an SGH keynote lecture on the topic of “thinking globally in Nagasaki.” 282 Year 10 (1st grade) students joined the lecture and learned “what it means to be ‘global’” and “what globalism has brought to us.”



He started his talk by explaining the difference between “internationalization” and “globalization,” using a world map and a photo of the earth taken from space. On the map, the world is divided into countries by borders (internationalization), whereas seen from space, there are no borders on the earth, all over which various things are happening (globalization). This is clearly illustrated, he pointed out, by the fact that the Japanese companies we are so familiar with are developing far better outside than inside Japan. The truth that we will have to work overseas even though we get hired

by a domestic company made us realize that globalization already has a lot to do with us. Furthermore, globalization has brought negative things such as the global warming, the food shortage, some infectious diseases, some terrorist attacks and the conflicts that developed into wars, all of which results from the swift movement of people, things and money, and develops into the global problems. We must be aware that those problems are no longer not related to us but something definitely affecting us. However, living in the globalized world means that “we must work hard to solve the local problems and this leads us to contribute to the world becoming a better place to live.” This is exactly what we are engaging through our SGH studies (which is tapped into in our Global Studies called Nagasaki Time). Mr. Katamine concluded his lecture, with references



to the innovation of technologies such as IoT (Internet of Things), BD (Big Data), and AI (Artificial Intelligence), by emphasizing how important it is to study actively in order to survive the modernizing society. His strong message is sure to have reached every one of the students. This lecture has clearly shown them the direction in which their studies should go.



After the lecture, on behalf of Year 10 students, Miss Kyoka Yoshikawa from Class 2 thanked Mr. Katamine for his lecture and said determinedly that she would study actively so that she could do something to change the world.