

A Workshop to Learn How to Write an Academic Paper in English

On Friday, 28th October, Associate Professor Yuji Aso from Faculty of Global and Media Studies, University of Nagasaki organized a workshop to learn how to write an academic paper in English, in which 32 Year 11 International Course students from 16 SGH research groups participated. In the workshop, the students learned how to make logical paragraphs. Associate Professor Aso advised that the topic should be made as specific as possible, and that thesis statements should be written in interrogative form. Then, the students worked on making proper topic sentences and noun clauses that contain the content.

Example: The argument that we should teach English at elementary school because it is an international language is based on a false assumption that a widespread language is an international language.

Taking a test question from National Center Test for University Admission as an example, Associate Professor Aso confirmed that there is only one message in one paragraph. Then, he showed what danger there is in the word-for-word translation of Japanese into English, how to make the list of references. Everything in the workshop was so informative that it will surely help the students to write an academic paper on their SGH research. Here are some comments from the students after the workshop: "I will use a phrase 'do a questionnaire' because our group is going to do one." "I will pay more attention to the paragraph structure when reading English passages," "I really appreciate some advice on debate."



SGH Presentation at Shopping Mall

On Thursday, 3rd November, two Year 11 students, Miss Moe Yamamoto (Class 5) and Miss Manami Kozasa (Class 7), did a poster session at Bernard Tourist Shopping Street as a part of Science Fight event hosted by Nagasaki University. The students well explained to the audience that infectious diseases can be prevented by using hand soap in an effective way. They demonstrated "Tearai taiso" or danceable hand washing, which children who were there tried amusingly.

They also exchanged opinions with the citizens and students among the audience. Miss Yamamoto and Miss Kozasa said, "It is really interesting and exciting to see the students from other high schools actively present their ideas. We are so happy with the

questions about the scent of soap and drained water after handwashing, and also with getting some advice. These will surely help us through our research."

