

IB student talk at L-Café

Date: January 25th, 2018

Time: 16:00-18:00

Place: L-Café

No. of Participants: 27 (IB students: 8 ; other students; 10; Faculty & staff: 9)

Purpose/Aim: As part of the AP program to promote and familiarize IB education at Okayama University among students and teachers, the Admissions Center organized a friendly, casual, 2-hour chat session, between IB students and the other participants, over snacks and drinks, at the L-café.

Activity: One month prior to the talk, all 1st. and 2nd. year IB students were informed about the program and participation was kept voluntary.

Students were given the freedom to choose their own topic and their time of participation. All students showed great interest, but due to class timings, everyone could not join in. Finally, 8 IB students (7 first year and 1 second year) volunteered to participate. Most came for the whole 2 hours while few joined before or after their class. Each student was given about 10 minutes talk time followed by a Q & A from the floor. At the end of their talk, every student was asked about their dream. The topics IB students discussed included:

- a) IB Education system
- b) Hardships of being bilingual
- c) The strength of the IB education in helping them to know themselves
- d) The positive effect of IA (internal assessment) and writing extensive reports in the IB Diploma course, which helps them with their present studies.
- e) Plans to write a book emphasizing on the beneficial aspects of IB education.
- f) A book review