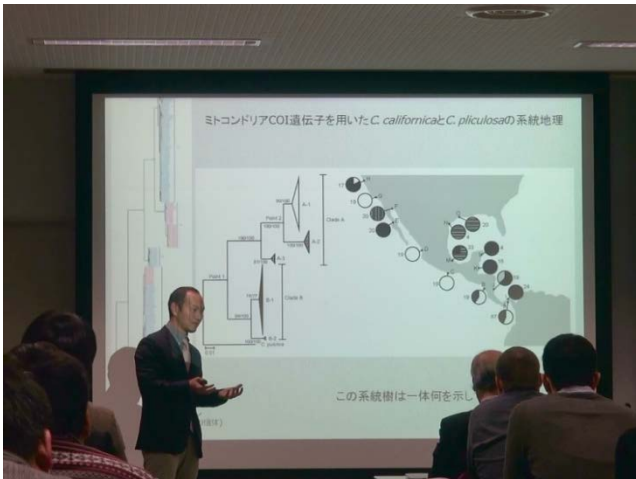


JOINT SYMPOSIUM Kochi University & University of the Ryukyus has been held.

Kochi University and University of the Ryukyus have been concurrently striving for the project “Improvement of Research Environment for Young Researchers” supported by MEXT*¹. We have held the joint symposium on Saturday, January 25th at Asakura Campus, Kochi University in order to present their research achievement. This symposium has been entitled “System Innovation for Development of Young Researchers”.

While Kochi University have been currently working on their project “Promotion Program for Young Scientist and COE for Innovation of Marine Science and Technology”. University of the Ryukyus had run the project called “Rising Star Program for Subtropical Island Science” until the year 2013 and these tenure-track researchers have been promoted to the tenure position by now.



Osamu Miura, Specially Appointed Assistant Professor (Kochi University)



Maki Teramoto, Specially Appointed Assistant Professor (Kochi University)



James Davis REIMER, Associate Professor (University of the Ryukyus)



Ryuji Asami Assistant Professor (University of the Ryukyus)

There were two researchers from each university presenting their recent achievements at this symposium. Mr. Wakiguchi, President of Kochi University had made opening remarks, and Mr. Toyoda, Program Supervisor of JST*² explained tenure-track system in Japan as well as proactivity of young researchers.

In addition, Mr. Inagaki, Group leader of Geomicrobiology Group, Kochi Institute for Core Sample Research had presented keynote lecture entitled “Exploration of Earth and Life Sciences in the ocean frontier with the deep-sea drilling vessel CHIKYU”. After all, Mr. Nishida, Director/Vice President, University of the Ryukyus had ended the symposium with closing remarks. There were many participants (about 80) of students and faculties from universities, and the symposium has been finish in the great success

*¹ Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

*² Japan Science and Technology Agency



Opening Remarks
Mr. Hiroshi Wakiguchi (President, Kochi University)



Left: Mr. Hiyoshizo Kotsuki (Host/Director, Kochi University)
Right: Mr. Masao Toyoda (Program Supervisor, JST)



Keynote Lecture by Mr. Fumio Inagaki
Group Leader, Geomicrobiology Group, Kochi Institute for Core Sample Research, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC)



Closing Remarks
Mr. Mutsumi Nishida (Director/Vice President, University of the Ryukyus)