



01 Topic Astronaut Lecture “Risk Management Learning from Astronaut”

On December 12th (Wed.), we invited Mr. Takuya Onishi who was a JAXA astronaut and held a lecture meeting “Risk Management Learning from Astronaut” at NITech hall.

In the lecture, various kinds of his experience were introduced such as experiments in a space, a drill in a smoke filled room, assuming of fire, a team drill in a mountainous area. Mr. Onishi said it was important to keep our mind that material things would surely be broken and human would surely make mistakes then to assume risks and manage the situation.

In a panel discussion with students and faculty, his opinions on each position were introduced respectively. He also said it was very important to share failures or accidents in the past on risk management.

The audience threw questions about Mr. Onishi himself such as “What is your favorite book?” and “Do you practice any superstition before you do something very important?” and the atmosphere became so excited.



02 Topic NITech Alumni Top Seminar Held

On November 21st (Wed.), we invited Mr. Tatsuya Ishikawa, Vice-president of TOYODA IRON WORKS CO.,LTD. and Ms. Kaoru Ueda, a chief of UACJ Corporation as lecturers and held “NITech Alumni Top Seminar”.

This seminar was aiming at all students and faculty of NITech. We hold this seminar with a support from NITech Alumni Association “Nagoya Kogyokai” every year with the purpose of fostering human resources whom the society expects.

Mr. Ishikawa delivered a lecture about his own experience and thoughts on his work, while Ms. Ueda talked about her attitude as an engineer and compatibility between childcare and work.

The gathering with students after the seminar had a pleasant atmosphere, so students threw various kinds of questions to the lecturers.



03 Topic International Students Visits SCMAGLEV and Railway Park

On January 18th, 26 international students participated in “Visiting SCMAGLEV and Railway Park & Chiyohoinari Shrine Tour”.

At Chiyohoinari Shrine, explanation was given about how to use hisyaku, ladle for washing and purifying. Most of them had never used hisyaku before, so they were carefully making sure their manners each other and trying to do it right. At the main hall to follow, they learned how to worship first and then prayed for the New Year respectively. International students asked the difference between temples and shrines and the meaning of 5 yen which people think was good for money offering, and they could increase their knowledge of Japan.

In the afternoon, at the SCMAGLEV and Railway Park, they saw bullet trains in successive generations, real vehicles of local trains, the motion of real motor and the inside of Dr. Yellow, track maintenance train. They also experienced to be a driver and a conductor by local train simulators and that experience was priceless.

In the simulated experience of superconducting maglev, they were very surprised to know that the state in 500km/h is more stable than that in 100km/h. They could learn the advancement of Japan’s technology of express trains and are impressed by its advanced technology. Many of them said they would like to visit the Railway Park again with their friends or family, and it turned out to be a very productive tour.

