

LP Forum (Student Forum) Report Oct. 24, 25, 2015

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Your comments of student forum (Leading forum)

I am very satisfied with this event. I could share ideas from different points of view and widen my acquaintance with members from different Leading Programs. Though my team was not selected for presentation, the workshop was enjoyable enough and sufficient to know activities of Leading Programs.

However, I found some problems during the first day of the student forum.

Almost no students understood what we have to do at the beginning of the workshop. Amazingly, facilitators also didn't understand it. They even asked us what we have to do.

In some discussion group, some facilitators didn't know what they should behave. They didn't facilitate student's discussion. Sometimes it can be seen that a facilitator participated in discussion much more actively than students. And it was also found that an adjunct member spent much time to introduce his history during the workshop.

Also on the second day (the presentation day), I found some points that should be improved.

Because only a limited number of students were selected for presentations, most of students lost their tasks on the second day. Any works should have been given to those students.

In some of presentation groups, their facilitators who seemed to be university faculty members (educators) answered most of the questions from the audience. It was not a student forum.

The worst thing I found in this forum is that simultaneous interpretation service was not offered during the time of students' presentations. If it was not difficult to apply it for the whole day, they should have asked to the presenters to speak in English. Two participants also pointed this problem, however it is very regrettable that the speech given from JSPS President just after that suggestion was still not given in English.

Though many of Leading programs is holding up "globalization" or internationalization" as a part of their Leading Programs, this event still lacked thoughtfulness for international communication. It was a critical inconsistency.

What do you want for the future student forum?

It should be held with English as long as we feel we need to communicate widely with international members.

What we have to do should be clearly explained.

Others

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