

TALK!

at Communication Roundtable '11

»» Report on “Meet & Greet Kokusai Alumni 2011” ««

October 29th (Sat.), 2011

“Communication Roundtable” is a popular event every year. The culture committee was put in charge of the event from this fiscal year, and took the opportunity to expand the event and hold it over two parts.

In part one, five alumni who are successfully working at the forefront of society took part in a panel discussion-style communication session.

After our principal, Mr. Akira Aoyama, gave his welcoming address to start the event, Mr. Kenta Tominaga, an English teacher at Kokusai and class-of-2001 graduate himself, took over as the event MC, introducing the five alumni with a Walt Disney film-like video he edited personally. The alumni then responded to questions on different themes, talking about their school life at Kokusai, friends and families,

and their thoughts on career choices, while relating the answers to their present selves. Although the case of each guest was different, we were able to understand that their various experiences in their high school years had become a strong foundation for their future lives. Time seemed to pass rather quickly in part one, as we laughed along with Mr. Tominaga's comical interactions and were brought close to tears by the sincere words of our guests.



In part two, we enjoyed an open-style exchange session, as we moved to the large meeting room and were joined by five different alumni, including some with experience as volunteers overseas, who are now either working or enrolled in university. It turned out to be a very friendly exchange enjoyed over some sandwiches, snacks and other refreshments, which were timely considering that it was lunch time and people were getting hungry. During the exchange, people took turns talking to the guests, who were very impressive in responding politely to questions of guardians and students.

This year we invited both guardians and students to participate, ending up with about 90 participants in total for parts one and two, and we were able to end the event on a high note.

Finally, we would like to thank the alumni who attended in spite of busy schedules, and also Mr. Tominaga, who set the mood for part one of the event. All members of the culture committee express their deep gratitude.

