

**Global Research: General education course II**  
**Preparation of the exchange meeting with Australian college students**

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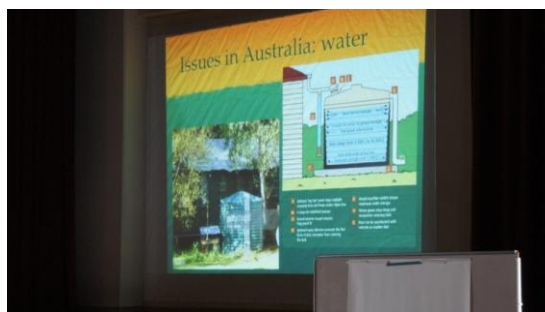
Place: Gymnasium

Attendants: All 1<sup>st</sup> grade students

Objective: Learning about the Australian culture or climate before Victorian University students visit.

Contents: Introduction of university students and brainstorming by high school students about the cultural differences between Australian and Japanese

Instructors: Dr. Naoko Araki, AIU, and Dr. Kim Senior, Deakin University.



The lecture was held in June, 18<sup>th</sup> about an Australian culture and other characteristics by Dr. Araki and Dr. Senior. One of the topics was that Japanese water resources are abundant, but Australia's are not. Water resources are so valuable in Australia. The students could break through the stereotypes and try to understand Australian culture.

[Feedbacks from students]

The "standard" is not always the standard in other countries. Every country has their own "standards." I want to study more and understand more culture.

I realized that we should compare the same topic such as water resources between Japan and Australia. I can see differences though there common topics.

The most important ability is that I should have the way of thinking from other people's points of view. English is the common language as an international language. Solving agricultural issues is not only to research agriculture, but also to change my way of thinking.