



Sports day at Okayama Dome

Sports day for Okayama Junior and Senior High School was on Thursday, 26 September this year, at Okayama Dome. Despite windy weather, the event was well attended not only by parents, but also friends and graduates of the school. Below, Suguru Sawada of class ②-T gives his impressions of the day.

ぼくは今回の体育祭で選手宣誓を任せられました。乗り気はしなかったのですが、藤田先生を筆頭に、たくさんの先生方からご指導をいただき、何とかやり遂げました。とても良い経験になりました。

ところで、うちの組は学年種目を2連覇していたので、今年も優勝したいと棒倒しに臨み、見事優勝してとてもうれしかったです。

来年頑張りたいと思います。

This year in our sport day I swore an oath of fair play. I was reluctant to do it but many teachers (especially Ms. Fujita) instructed me and I managed to do it. I think that was a very good experience to me.

By the way, our class won the two successive victories in the class event (bo-taosh), we wanted to win the first prize this year and at last we did it!

Next year we will also do our best, as we

Suguru Sawada, ②-T



Many events took place at sports day this year, and everyone tried very hard to win!



Momoyama festival breaks new ground

The Okayama Junior and Senior High School annual cultural festival, the Momoyama Festival took place on Sunday, September 15th this year. Despite bad weather, the festival went ahead, with a new look, and a new theme, "HappiNect". Below, student council leader, Shotaro Maekawa, of class ②-1. Talks a little about this year's festival.

This time, Momoyama Festival had the theme "HappiNect", which means "happily connected".

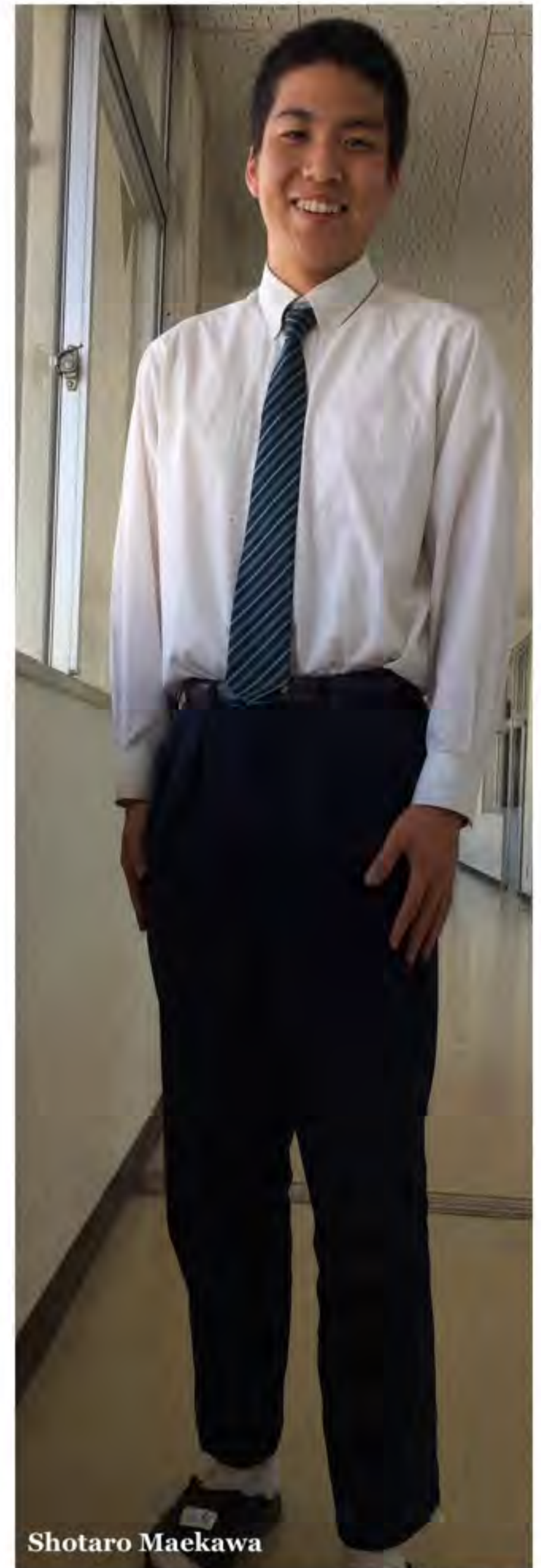
We tried a few new things this year, such as dividing all of the students into three blocks and so on. Some of the new things we tried worked well, but some of them didn't work so well.

We will do our best to make use of this experience, and do an even better job, next year.

Everybody did a good job!

今回の桃山祭は、「HappiNect」(楽しくつながる)というテーマを掲げ、ブロック制の導入などの新しいことに取り組みました。結果、良かった点悪かった点共にたくさんありましたが、今回の反省を来年につなげられるよう、全力で頑張っています。

皆さんお疲れ様でした。

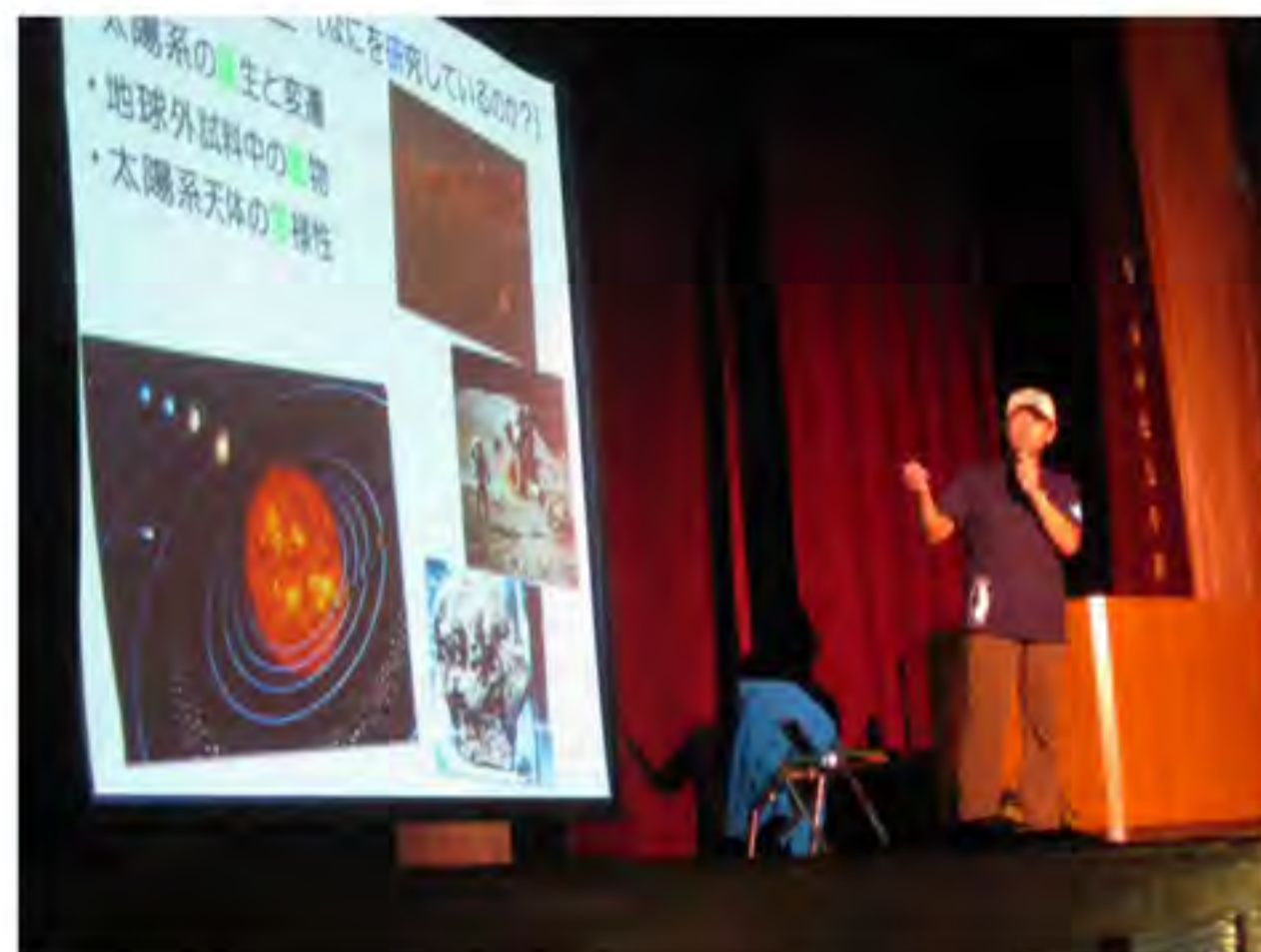


Shotaro Maekawa

Photos from this year's



Students visit the solar system, via Antarctica



Professor Mikouchi, giving his presentation, and answering questions from students, in a very



On October 7th, Okayama Junior and Senior High School conducted its 25th foundation day lecture. This year, the speaker was Takeshi Mikouchi, a former student of our school, who was among the second cohort to graduate.

Mr. Mikouchi is now an associate professor of the school of science department of Earth and Planetary Environment at the University of Tokyo Graduate School.

Mr. Mikouchi gave a very interesting and easy to understand talk, on the theme of his research at Tokyo University, "Exploring the Universe from Antarctica". His talk was very interesting and amusing.

He spoke about the use of various scientific analysis techniques, such as mineralogy and crystallography, to analyse extraterrestrial material samples and meteorites that had been found in Antarctica, in order to understand the story of how the solar system was formed.

He also spoke about this particular interest in analysing samples from meteorites from Mars, which he had collected, along with lunar samples and comet dust samples, which had been provided by NASA's space explorations.

Profile - Takeshi Mikouchi

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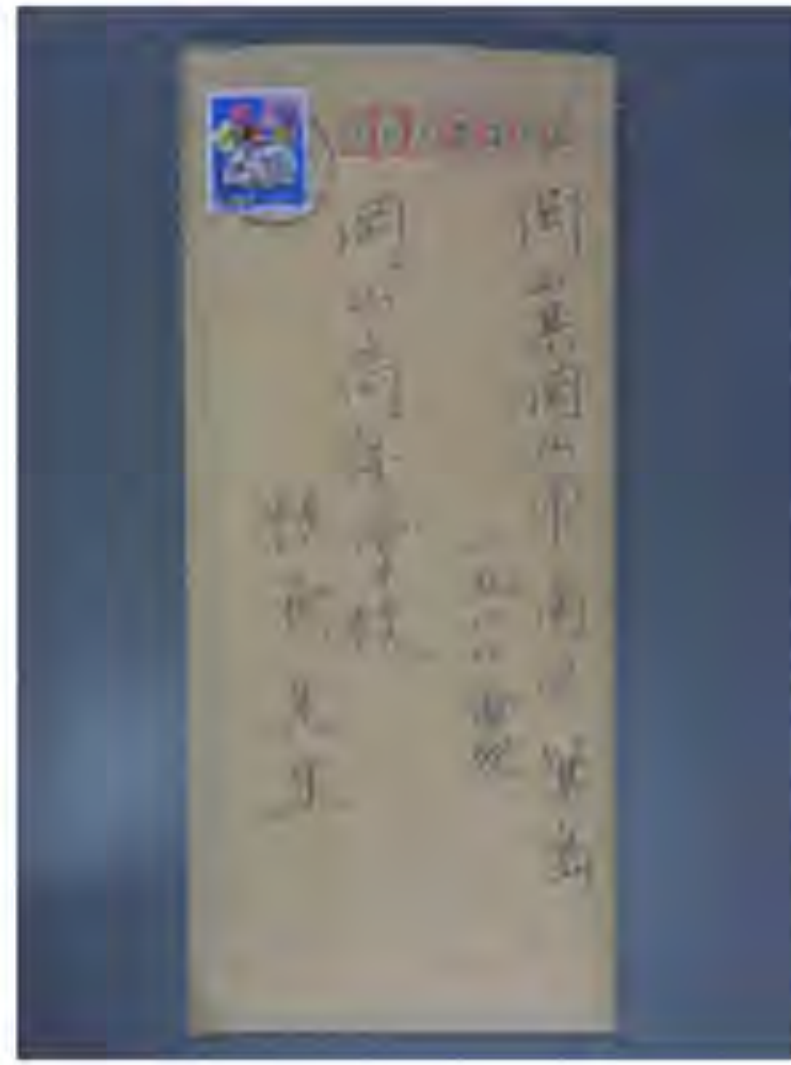
研究テーマ

地球外物質の分析による太陽系の物質進化についての研究

研究内容の概要

鉱物学・結晶学などの物質科学的分析手法を用いて、隕石をはじめとした地球外物質試料を分析し、太陽系がどのように形成され、そしてどのような過程を経て、現在見られるような姿に物質が進化していったかについて研究を行っている。特に注目しているのは、火星や月の岩石がいかにか地球と異なっているかという点で、火星隕石、月隕石、アポロ月試料などの分析からその手がかりを得ようと試みている。また、NASAのスターダスト探査によってサンプルリターンされた彗星塵の分析にも従事している。





Mr. Nishina's letter to Okayama Junior and Senior High School, dated October 8, 2013.

Both vice principal Takaie, and Mr. Nakazawa were very pleased to receive his letter!

Who is the hero in our school?

Did you know we have a hero in our school? It's not Superman, Spiderman, or even Anpanman! Our hero is none other than Shuichi Nakazawa, of class ②-T!

On Sunday, October 6th, 2013, Shuichi met a gentleman named Mr. Nishina, at Senoo station. Mr. Nishina was unsure about how to get home.

Shuichi escorted Mr. Nishina, and helped him to find the correct train, despite being late, and inconveniencing himself.

After returning home, Mr. Nishina wrote this lovely letter to the school, to thank Shuichi for his help. (See right)

By doing this, Shuichi has lived up to the mottoes of the school, of "Be hard on yourself", and "Be kind to others". Well done Shuichi!

Do you have a hero in this school? What have they done for you, or others? Let us know at GOSH!, and we will be happy to tell your story.



Shuichi Nakazawa

MR. NEKI'S SUDOKU CHALLENGE!

It's back, by popular demand!

Test your logic skills!
The first person to give the correct answer to Mr. Baxter gets a prize!

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