



## Presentation Ceremony for Toyota Foundation Grants

A presentation ceremony for the Toyota Foundation 2015 Research Grant Program was held at Hyatt Regency Tokyo on April 15th. With 997 applicants from Japan and abroad, 100 million yen was granted to 32 research projects and 100 million yen to 22 community projects.

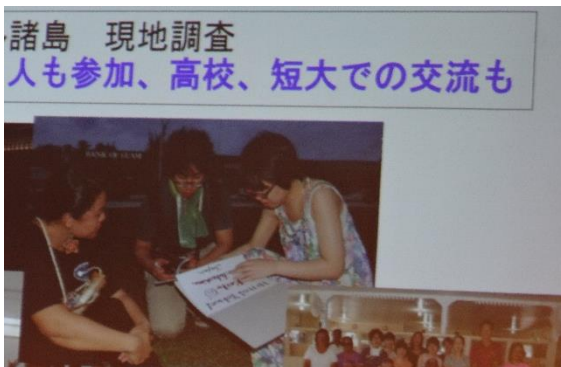


Professor Kuwako, Chairman of the Selection Committee, reporting on the selection process

The photo at the left is of Toshio Kuwako, Professor of Tokyo Institute of Technology's graduate school, who selected 32 of 699 projects. The competition was very severe: only 4.6% of research projects and 7.4% of community projects were chosen.

Those selected not only receive grants but also gain confidence in their projects through objective assessment.

Past award winners also gave presentations on their current projects. The photo at the left below is of Ms Keiko Azuma, representative for the Tsuruoka Nariwai Project, reporting on their progress in supporting 25 female small business entrepreneurs striving to solve problems without reliance on others.



The photo at the right above is of Ms Hiroko Aihara, representative for Japan Perspective News, explaining the status of From Fukushima to the World, a project to archive experiences of radiation exposure on future generations. Exchanges with the people of the Marshall Islands, who share the same experiences, have been initiated.