

Organize TokyoTech-EPFL Joint Workshop

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Place: Gora-Hakonemachi, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tsukuba Science City

We organized a workshop “Tokyo Tech – EPFL Joint Workshop”. The workshop was held on January 17th – 23rd, 2010. Ph.D. students and faculty members from Tokyo Institute of Technology who take part in the Material GCOE program (Department on organic & Polymeric Materials, Department of Metallurgy & Ceramics Science, Department of Materials Science & Engineering, Department of Innovative & Engineered Materials) and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology-EPFL (Institute of Materials) joined the workshop. Prof. Hideo Takezoe and Prof. Yoshiharu Nakajima co-chaired the workshop.

10 Ph.D. students who major in materials science in EPFL and 3 faculty members from EPFL visited Japan, and had a joint workshop on January 17th – 20th in Gora-Hakonemachi with 18 Ph.D. students and 9 faculty members from Tokyo Institute of Technology. We also organized a special session in which the participants discussed broad range of topics (What is the meaning of Ph.D. thesis for your career in the future? / What are you going to learn during your Ph.D. study as a scientist? / What is required for successful international collaboration work? etc.). We organized Tokyo Tech Lab. Tour on January 21st, and Tour of Tsukuba Science City (National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) and National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS)) on January 22nd where we learned cutting age scientific researches. Throughout the workshop, we had great opportunities to spend time with students from other countries and get to know each other better.

The workshop became possible thanks to the cooperation of all the participants from Tokyo Tech, AIST, and NIMS. Finally we would like to thank Prof. Nava Setter from EPFL who put great efforts to hold the workshop.

