

2023 Fukuoka Youth Development Program "From Fukuoka to the World" was implemented.



On Monday, December 4, 2023, 15 high school students from Fukuoka Prefecture visited the University of Hawaii to learn about the "University of Hawaii at Manoa One Health program" which explores the interrelationships among humans, animals, plants, and the environment in Hawaii.

In 2023, Fukuoka Prefecture (Education Agency) launched a new project, the "2023 Fukuoka Youth Development Program "From Fukuoka to the World"" (short-term study abroad training program). The program received applications from 296 high school students in Fukuoka Prefecture, and 55 were selected as trainees. From December 2 to 9, 2023, 15 of them participated in the Hawaii Course (Overseas Work Experience Course), where they learned about Hawaii's concept of harmony and coexistence among nature, people, and animals, and experienced working in the "tourism business," the heart of Hawaii's industry.

The University of Hawaii specially accepted a high school student from Fukuoka Prefecture to give a lecture on zoonotic diseases and drug-resistant bacteria. The students learned about the importance of tackling zoonosis and drug-resistant bacteria from a One Health perspective, as well as research on infectious diseases such as dengue fever and toxoplasmosis. The lecture also covered research on infectious diseases such as dengue fever and toxoplasmosis.



Lecture at the University of Hawaii

The lecture was followed by a question-and-answer session on important things to promote One Health, the environmental activities undertaken by graduate students, and relationship between One Health and overtourism. After the question-and-answer session, a discussion between with graduate students and a campus tour were conducted.



Discussion with graduate students



Campus Tour

【Comments from participating students】

We have learned that it is important to think not only about human diseases, but also about animals and nature together to treat them.

It is important to consider what can be done to ensure that all living things can coexist.

I want to share the One Health concept more and more with the people around me.

The "2023 Fukuoka Youth Development Program" is also posted on the University of Hawaii website.

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