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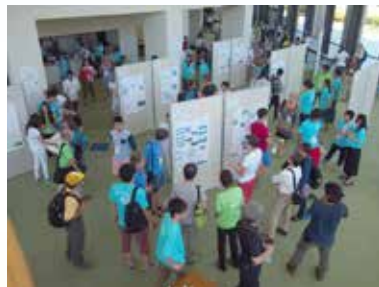


### ITFI and EPS Presentations

Presentations for the International Team Field Investigation (ITFI) and Earth Science Project (ESP) were held at the Sansui Hall, Mie University. 16 teams performed both oral- and poster-presentations at the conference room and in the lobby, respectively. In the oral session, each team explained the result of the ITFI to the juries using PowerPoint within 8 minutes. Afterwards, the students answered the juries' questions for 2 minutes. Students who were not performing were not allowed to enter the conference room. Instead, they stayed in the lobby for their poster presentation. The poster summarized students' result and ideas with many colorful figures that enhanced understanding. In addition to juries, the students also presented their work to guests and reporters.



Clockwise from top left; oral presentation room, showing result of analysis, poster presentation in front of media, in front of jury, lobby poster session held.



### France

### Word of Today

The 11<sup>th</sup> IESO will be held in France, which is the decision of the coordinators' meeting on the 23rd. The first IESO was held in Korea. Then it rounds Philippines, Taiwan, Indonesia, Italy, Argentina, India, Spain and Brazil. Japan was initially planned to host in 2012, but due to the Great Tohoku Earthquake in 2011, which made hosting IESO in 2012 difficult, Argentina took the great responsibility to host the 6th IESO. Thank you, Argentina!

### Weather Forecast

#### Today (27)



max 32 °C  
chance of rain 30%

cloudy, partly sunny

### Today's Schedule

#### Students

- 06:30 - 08:00 Breakfast
- 08:10 Departure with all your baggage
- 09:00 Photography at Mie University
- 09:30 - 11:30 Award and Closing Ceremony
- 11:30 - 13:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Departure

#### Mentors and Observers (Alterable)

- 07:00 - 08:00 Breakfast (Room Ise)
- 08:10 Departure with all your baggage
- 09:00 Photography at Mie University
- 09:30 - 11:30 Award and Closing Ceremony
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## Disruption and Persistence

Scheduling of ESP had seen twists and turns until its presentation yesterday with ITFI at the Sansui Hall. The project theme for ESP “Living on the edge of a tectonic plate” , announced on Tuesday afternoon was considered vague by students, and the Q&A at the end of the explanation meeting failed to help students design their presentations.

The supervisors in Suzuka reminded students of the “Disaster Prevention Program” given on Sunday to picture daily life in countries on plate margin. This orientation helps students start the project; however, most teams failed to complete their posters, and the supervisors declared that ESP had to be canceled.

Nonetheless, the headquarter in Tsu decided to resume the project on Thursday night, and on Friday morning, the students were asked to complete their poster before Friday noon. Still, the supervisors in Suzuka advised students to emphasize on ITFI, the tradition of the IESO.

The supervisors pointed out the shortage of time for two projects, ITFI and ESP, during the IESO. According to the schedule, only Friday morning is available to make the two posters, and thus, students devoted only two hours for ITFI and a half hour for ESP poster making.

The students showed their great persistence and concentration on Friday in completing beautiful posters before deadline. However, the supervisors in Suzuka argued the importance of definite, consistent and well prepared instruction to make the projects fruitful.



Clockwise from top left; preparation room in Mie University, making PowerPoint slides on PC, drawing a graph on the poster, exhausted student.

## Farewell Party

Students attended the farewell party at Hotel Green Park Tsu, on Friday evening, and each team performed very well. Team Kazakhstan charmed the audience with their synchronized dance, dressed in white traditional costume. Team Sri Lanka also captivated the audience with their traditional dance. Team USA welcomed the audience to the stage for their dance. Finally, the show ended with Team Japan's dances: “Soranbushi” , which is rather traditional and “Wonderful rush” by “μ's” .



Kids did very well!!

Clockwise from top left; Teams Kazakhstan, Sri Lanka, USA, and Japan.

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