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【Tour of the Companies】

On Tuesday the 10th of July, each class visited a different company. After receiving an explanation about the specific work, job challenges from researchers and engineers in the field, we visited facility.

(Class 1: Kao Sanitary Products Ehime Co., Ltd.)

Because I have a younger sister, I was pleased when I got visit Kao. I often change my sister's diaper, so I have wanted to know about the structure of diapers and how to make them. I learned that an absorbent polymer is used for diapers. The explanation was a little difficult, but I leaned a lot. When I listened to the story from my senior, I felt it was important to prepare myself for career opportunities in the future.

(Class 2: Imabari Shipbuilding Co., Ltd.)

I have seen this factory many times, but I had never gone inside before, so it was a very good opportunity for me. I wondered how such a heavy iron chunk could float. A variety of doubts came up. The most surprising thing is that they are building ships that are tens of times larger than a human being. I think that the craftsmanship is amazingly efficient to be able to construct them so accurately.



(Class 3: Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd. Ehime Factory)

At first I thought that they were only making heavy machinery such as cranes, but I was surprised to learn that they made intricate parts of a spaceship as well. The safety management is done well in the factory. I thought it was a good method to mark the number of days when an accident had not occurred on the whiteboard, as each employee's awareness of safety is raised.

Thank you for everyone who cooperated.

A report on the company tours after Class 4 will be posted in SSH Report Vol. 4.



【Economic Basic Course】

In the latter half of this term, we learned about the economy. Three lecturers gave us a lecture on the current state of the economy, sightseeing and future obstacles in the Saijo area.

(Course 01)

“Regional Industry and Work” Ms. Yuki Kubo, Deputy Chief of Saijo City Hall Industry Promotion Division Industry Human Resources Department

She explained about the industrial structure of Saijo city and the outline of the city’s economy. Saijo is a city full of "manufacturing industries" and there are a number of companies with outstanding technical capabilities from across the country. However, there are many young people going out of the city in order to go to university without knowing the opportunities in Saijo. The shortage of human resources is a big issue. We discussed in groups how to present the information on factories in Saijo City more attractively.

(Course 02)

“Tourism Promotion and its Issues” Mr. Koji Ochi, Saijo City Hall Tourism Promotion Division Tourism Strategy Division

Saijo City has beautiful surroundings, history, culture, and 3.4 million tourists visit each year. However, in many cases, it is often a day trip for shopping in the direct delivery market. It is necessary to develop tourist facilities and plans that target overnight visitors in the future. Therefore, we discussed in groups "How can we attract more tourists to Saijo City?"

(Course 03)

“Collaboration between science and society - to contribute to the sustainable development of the community -” Mr. Katsushi Nishimura, Dean of Ehime University Social Co-creation Department

With the advancements in globalization, information technology, the declining birthrate and aging population, the provincial areas are being left behind. He taught us in detail what kind of co-creation ability is required in such situations, and how to solve problems using the PDCA cycle as well as how to set up appropriate tasks.

