

women in stem panel discussion

Tokyo Tech's flagship research exchange program called TiROP, financed by a MEXT grant, has supported Tokyo Tech students to study abroad and for inbound students to do summer research at Tokyo Tech for the last four years. TiROP has been popular with both female and male Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students from overseas partner research universities. Although Tokyo Tech female students make up about 13% of the student body, about one half of the TiROP summer exchange students are female. In fact, last year's female TiROP students commented that there were subtle gender differences in their labs at Tokyo Tech compared to their home universities. To get a better understanding of gender-related issues that female faculty and students experience at Tokyo Tech, today's panel discussion is being held. The objective of today's panel is to look at the Women in STEM issue from an international, domestic, faculty and students' viewpoints and discuss it with Tokyo Tech faculty, staff and students, TiROP exchange and high school students.

Date: July 13 (Mon.), 2015 Time: 16:00 - 17:00

Venue: Tokyo Tech Ookayama Campus West Bldg. 9 Multi-Purpose Digital Hall Moderator: Prof. Kayoko Nohara, International Student Center Language: simultaneous translation (Japanese/English)

16:00-16:05	Opening Remarks President Yoshinao Mishima
16:05-16:10	Panel Introductory Remarks Ambassador Caroline Kennedy, U.S. Embassy Tokyo
16:10-16:40	Panel Discussion Dr. Kellina Craig-Henderson, NSF-Tokyo Office Head Prof. Shinae Kondoh, Graduate School of Bioscience and Biotechnology Prof. Akira Yamada, Graduate School of Science and Engineering Associate Prof. Celine Mougenot, Graduate School of Science and Engineering Anastassia Bobokalonova (MIT), TiROP inbound student Eri Takematsu (Tokyo Tech), TiROP outbound student
16:40-16:58	Q/A Session
16:58-17:00	Wrap-up/Closing Remarks Prof. Kikuo Kishimoto (Dean, Graduate School of Engineering TiROP Project Leader)

