Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology-Japan (MEXT)
“Program for Enhancing Systematic Education in Graduate Schools”
“Program for Fostering Human Resources with Sigma-Type Integrative Ability” Symposium
Shibaura Institute of Technology Graduate School
~Cultivating Meta-National Ability and International Communication Skills Education ~

“Human Resources with Sigma-Type Integrative Ability” are human resources combining multifaceted engineering, technology management, and meta-national abilities with traditional engineering research abilities. Meta-national ability, defined as differentiated from mere conventional international ability, is the ability to create socio-economic value from a global viewpoint based on the interests of one’s own country. In order to foster these abilities, English communication skill is indispensable. In this symposium, we would like to explore—from the points of view of both industry and academia—what kinds of communication skills we will need, and what types of higher education we will need to foster the related abilities.

Organizer and host  Shibaura Institute of Technology
Co-organizers  The Japan Association of English for Specific Purposes
Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology
Sponsors  Tokyo Bay Area Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration Forum
Japanese Society for Engineering Education
IEEE Professional Communication Society Japan
Time and Date  July 4th, 2009 (Saturday)  13:00 ~17:00
Site  Eighth floor lecture hall, Shibaura Campus, Shibaura Institute of Technology

Program
Welcome message  (13 : 00~13 : 05)  Atsuko Yamazaki, Symposium Chair,
Professor of Engineering, Shibaura Institute of Technology
Opening remarks  (13 : 05~13 : 15)  Ayao Tsuge, President, Shibaura Institute of Technology
Keynote address  (13 : 15~14 : 00)  Masato Murakami, Vice President, Shibaura Institute of Technology
"Implementation of the International Communication Skills Indispensable to the Cultivation of Meta-national abilities”
Remarks  (14 : 00~14 : 15)  Nobuyuki Honna, The Japan Association of English for Specific Purposes, and Professor Emeritus, Aoyama Gakuin University
Remarks  (14 : 15~14 : 30)  Tohru Ihara, General Manager, Nissan Motor Co. Ltd.
Remarks  (14 : 30~14 : 45)  Sang-Im Yoo, Professor, Seoul National University
Remarks  (14 : 45~15 : 00)  Thibault Danjou, Managing Director, AG Industries Asia-Pacific Pte Ltd
Recess  (15 : 00~15 : 15)
Discussion (questions and comments from the dais and the floor)  (15 : 15~16 : 45)
Summary and closing remarks  (16 : 45~16 : 55)
Reception  (17 : 00~18 : 30)  Main Floor, Shibaura Campus