Symposium Report Organized by the Gender Equality Promotion Committee in the Physical Society of Japan Various Career Paths from Physics

Various Career Paths from Physics –

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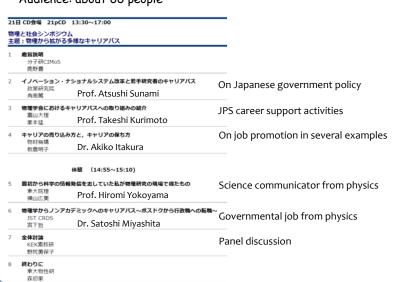
Aim:

One of the activities of the gender equality promotion committee in the Physical Society of Japan (JPS) is to organize the symposiums of the annual JPS meeting, related to the gender equality promotion actions. The aim of this-year symposium was to consider the career paths for young researchers from individual case studies of JPS viewpoint. In this poster, we would like to report the symposium activities and opinions from participants.

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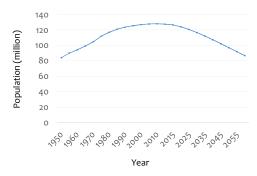
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Audience: about 60 people

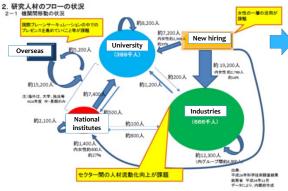


Relationship to Gender Equality Promotion:

Japanese population is expected to decrease as seen in following figure (data from Annual Report on the Aging Society: 2014 reported in Cabinet Office, Government Of Japan). Under this situation, the current Japanese government promotes the women job activities. This is, of course, to be affected to the job promotion at the Japanese universities and industries. While there is the Japanese law on the gender equality in job promotion since 1986, there are several "social" problems in job promotion. It is emphasized that this problem is not faced only to women job promotion but also to men one.



Prof. Sunami pointed out the lack of the communication and researchers flow between the Japanese universities and industries.







Case studies on the career paths is important to keep the diversity.

He talked about the educational and academic organization revolutions under the Japanese government "Amari plan" for the future perspectives of academics. While the "Amari plan" focuses on the construction of the innovation system in Japan, this includes the educational and academic systems. Policy in Amari plan supports the future perspectives of the academic career paths. From the viewpoint of the gender equality action, the speaker pointed out the low number of Japanese women researchers while the current Japanese prime minister pushes the woman promotion in any fields.





The both top-down (governmental, academicpolitical) and bottom-up (each researchers job promotion) approaches are needed by the relentless effort to keep and promote the diversity in physics.