

Let's Talk about Shizuoka Culture!

With an aspiration for learning and deepening the knowledge about Shizuoka's indigenous culture, 6 students from Shizuoka University have recently launched a workshop named "Liberal Arts Café Shizuoka." Pioneers and researchers from various fields are invited to the workshop where participants can have interactive communication with these experts. People exchange ideas freely once a month at the café in front of the main gate of Shizuoka University.

In mid-December, some 15 attendants including students, office workers, and teachers welcomed the producer of "Daidogei World Cup in Shizuoka", an annual street performance event, as the guest speaker. He shared an inside story as well as specific challenges of organizing such an event. All the participants had an exciting and stimulating conversation.

Liberal arts originally refer to a wide range of studies and its objective is to liberate people. Mai Miyata, the representative of the workshop said, "We wanted to offer a place where people can talk freely and casually about numerous subjects, including not only natural science but liberal arts such as the humanities and social science."

静岡の文化を自由に語ろう！

「静岡ならではの文化を学び、知識を深めたい」ー。静岡大の学生6人が各界の先駆者や研究者と交流する「リベラルアーツカフェ～静岡の教養～」を設立した。テーマは「双方向コミュニケーション」。月1回、静岡市の同大正門前にある喫茶店を貸し切りにして、外部講師を招いた自由な語らいを展開している。

12月中旬、カフェに学生や会社員、教諭など約15人が集った。講師は「大道芸ワールドカップin静岡」を手掛けたプロデューサー。イベントの苦労話や舞台裏など、会話は弾んだ。

「リベラルアーツ」の原義は「人を自由にさせる幅広い学問」。代表の宮田舞さんは「自然科学だけでなく人文科学や社会科学など教養全般について、気軽に話し合う場を作りたかった」と設立の意義を語る。

