

## **Project for Development of the Future Global Leaders 2016-2017**

### **1<sup>st</sup> University of Aizu English Seminar**

On Wednesday, July 20, 2016, the first University of Aizu English Seminar was held at the computer room of Aizu High School. The school invited Associate Professor Takako Yasuta from Center for Language Research of Aizu University to come and speak.

20 students participated in the seminar.



Associate Professor Takako Yasuta is from Motomiya City. After graduating from a university in Tokyo, she started working at a game company. But she quit her job seeking what she really wanted to do, and went study abroad.

She researched TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) at Arizona State University and then studied linguistics at University of Hawaii. She also studied Korean and how to teach Korean to non-natives in Seoul, Korea, while at the University of Hawaii.

The lecture was proceeded by slides concerning questions that the students had made in advance. Professor Yasuta gave a speech with a wide range of topics, such as Japan, understanding different cultures and differences in the educational systems from her rich experiences of studying abroad.

Finally, she made students think with her what is the global society and what are required to be a global leader.

The lecture seemed to have raised the motivation for learning English in the students, who are to attend lectures by foreign professors scheduled hereafter.