Mr Akirs Mochida, Official from the High School Education Management Division of Saitama Prefecture Board of Education and Mr Shumpei Toida as well as Kazuya Emori, teachers from Warabi Prefectural High School and Saitama Prefectural Kauskabe Girls’ High School visited our school on 26 September 2013 to have sharing and discussion on English language policies, education system and curriculum design.

The Japanese delegation was welcomed by the Principal and two students greeted them sincerely in fluent Japanese. Then, the guests, accompanied by the Principal and the English Panel Chairperson, joined an S1 English lesson. They were greatly impressed by the methods adopted by the teacher to stimulate students to develop ideas and students’ eagerness to participate in different learning activities. It also vividly demonstrated their English proficiency.

A school tour presented by two student representatives was given to the guests. They were particularly interested in the library and HITEC, where they found a great variety of resources that can help boost students’ interest in learning English.
The highlight of the visit should be the sharing session. Besides teachers talking about similarities and differences in Hong Kong and Japanese school contexts, six students from different year groups shared their school life and learning experience with the guests. They could also give very good responses to different questions raised by the guests, helping them understand our learning and teaching practices well.

It is not only an occasion for the school to receive guests coming from Japan, but also a golden opportunity for both teachers and students to have very fruitful exchanges on education issues from two different cultures.