The Meet the Leaders was held on 29th September 2015. The guest speaker was Prof. Yihai Cao from MCT, the Karolinska institutet, Sweden. Dr. Cao has established his academic career in oversea and actively involved in coraborational research globally. Last year as a internship program of the IPBS, Yuki Imaizumi studied at his lab. He is an internationally leading scientist in angiogenesis and a inspiring professor so that we asked him if he could meet with students during a stay in Osaka for a seminar. Dr.Cao kindly accepted to share his time to talk with students. We hoped that this would be a meaningful meeting for graduates students who are thinking of future career in overseas and a great opportunity to think of leadership as a researcher. The exchange student from the Karolinska institute was also participated in this meeting.

In this time, the Meet the Leaders provided an opportunity to experience Japanese culture also. Participants were welcomed with Japanese tea and special sweets for a viewing moon festival, O-TSUKI-MI. While having Japanese tea and sweets, participants had discussion with Prof. Cao about building academic career in overseas and being a leader in a scientific field. We also discussed the circumstances of Ph.D students and postdoc in India, Turkey, Sweden and Japan. We were so impressed by his advices especially about leadership. He stated that you need to know yourself and lead yourself first before you lead someone.

On the next day, most participants attended the seminar hosted by Dr. Kishimoto and they learned about Prof. Cao’s research in the seminar which titled is “Angiogenesis in diseases” as well.

Lastly, we appriciated Prof. Cao for sharing his experiences and giving us valuable advices. We are very thankful for all the supports from those who involved in organiging this Meet the leaders.

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