



Number of students
joining the tour:
15 ASc ES students

Trip leaders:
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13-17 JUNE 2016 OKINAWA STUDY TOUR

Associate of Science in Environmental Studies Study Tour

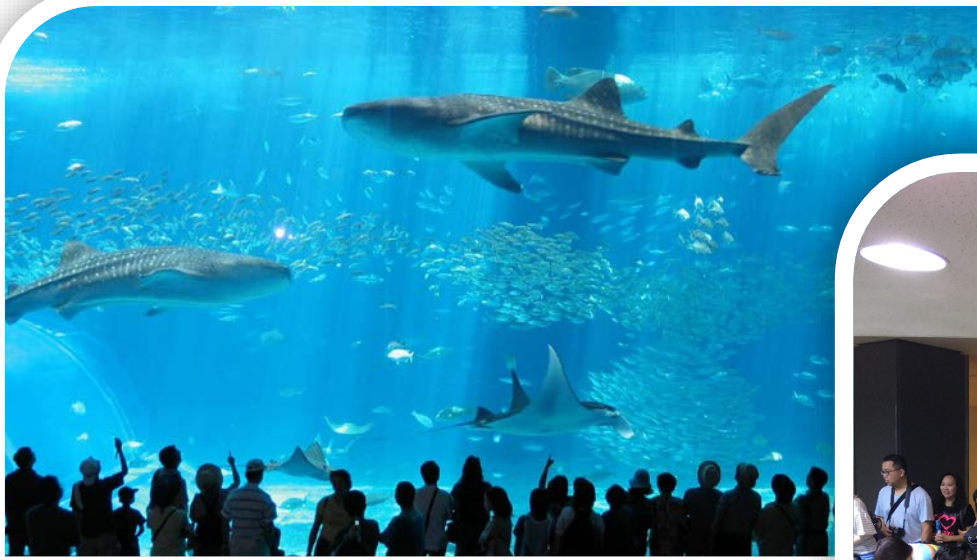
Fifteen Year 2 students from the Environmental Studies programme participated in this study tour to Okinawa in June 2016.

The tour aimed to broaden our students' horizon in nature conservation and provide them with a hands-on encounter to the precious natural resources in Okinawa. The tour covered site-visits to a number of renowned natural and historical sceneries in Okinawa (such as the UNESCO World Heritage Shuri Castle, the state-of-the-art Okinawa Churaumi aquarium etc), where students learnt about the natural resources, conservation and management efforts of these locations.

One of the key components of this trip was the opportunity to take a close look into the various natural resources in Okinawa. Students spent an afternoon to canoe along a protected mangrove swamp to study about the importance of the mangrove forest and the biological diversity therein. Students also enjoyed snorkeling at Cape Maeda to understand more about the important coral reef ecosystem and the threats faced by the reef organisms.



Apart from these enjoyable activities, the group also visited the campus and some of the major research laboratories of the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST). OIST is a graduate institute that focuses on high quality researches in science and technology. The visit enhanced the students' understanding about what scientific researches are about and encouraged them to consider pursuing graduate study in the future career path.



Okinawa Churaumi
aquarium



UNSECO World
Heritage – Shuri Castle



Understanding the history – Nago Museum



Learning more about the nature! Snorkeling in the coral reef and canoeing in the mangrove~



Meeting researchers
at the Okinawa
Institute of Science
and Technology



Wonderful moments and friendship!

