

## Polar Open Forum for Junior and High School Students

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The International Council for Science (ICSU) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) are organizing the International Polar Year (IPY) in 2007-2008 to mark the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY). A variety of international research organizations have announced their participation and submitted more than 1,000 proposals for Arctic and Antarctic research. During the period for the IPY 2007-2008, the Science Council of Japan and the National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR) planned to hold a 'Polar Open Forum for junior and high school students' to broaden the interest in polar sciences to the next generation. The catchphrase of the forum is 'Arctic and Antarctic Proposals from School Students'. As the 4th Polar Open Forum, NIPR called for research proposals from school students all over Japan and held the forum to announce the winning proposals on 16th December, 2007. The implementation of the winning proposal is to be carried out by the 49th Japanese Antarctic Research Expedition (JARE-49), followed by reporting of the results to the school to which the students belong through INTELSAT TV conference system between Syowa Station, Antarctica and NIPR.