9th citizED conference a great success

‘East’ and ‘West’ in citizenship education:
encounters in education for diversity and democracy

More than 100 academics from 14 countries enjoyed an extremely valuable conference in Tokyo, Japan 13-15 July 2013.

The conference was organised by Professor Norio Ikeno of Hiroshima University and Professor Mitsuharu Mizuyama of Kyoto University of Education with the support of the Japanese Educational Research Association for the Social Studies (JERASS), Japanese Association for the Social Studies (JASS), Education in the Social Studies Department Research Association (ESSDRA), Japan Association for Civic Education, The Japanese Society of Environmental Education (JSEE), the Japan Association for International Education and the Japan Association for Global Education.

A special plenary speech was given by Dr. Kuniko Inoughi, member of the House of Councillors (Senate), former government minister for gender equality and social affairs and former ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Japan. Key note presentations were made by Professor Jon Davison (Canterbury Christ Church University and chair of the Society for Educational Studies), Professor Wing On Lee (National Institute of Education, Singapore) and Dr. Riita Korhonen (University of Turku, Finland). There were many individual papers and a closing plenary symposium.

The subject of the conference allowed colleagues to explore key ideas and issues recognising distinctiveness and commonalities across and within political, cultural, conceptual and geographical boundaries.

The next citizED conference will explore the theme of ‘raising standards in citizenship education’ and will take place at the University of Birmingham, UK 17-18 July 2014. More details will be available soon.