JAMSTEC provided a boarding experience on the R/V HAKUHO MARU to the children who won prizes in the 18th Postcard Design Contest and their parents at 2–3 July 2016, in order that they had a better understanding of and deeper interests in the ocean. The winners and their parents stayed on the research vessel for two days and one night. Observation and other operations were conducted off the coast of Yokosuka City in Tokyo Bay. Their on-board experience included the guided tour of the ship (the bridge and other compartments), sampling with plankton net, observation of the sampled organisms, and so on. This program was also aimed at strengthening the partnerships with aquariums in Japan, better understanding of marine science and technology, and collection of samples useful for human resource development.

We also will introduce the other educational programs for high school students.

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