Report of the First Progress Seminar in the Second 5-year-term Activity of the ILSI Japan-Endowed Chair of Functional Food Genomics

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The seminar was held at Le Port Kojimachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo on December 15, 2010, as the 1st meeting to discuss the achievement of the 2nd 5-year-term (from December 2008) of the ILSI Japan-endowed chair of functional food genomics. Speakers were invited from Kagome Company, Kaneka Corporation, Meiji Seika Kaisha, and Kikkoman Corporation. They told about topics on their recently published results. The number of audience including the speakers was 76.

Interestingly, all the topics were on lipid metabolism. This is reasonable because one of the main purposes of functional food components is to reduce the risk of metabolic syndrome involving dyslipidemia. Any of the talks by invited speakers was excellent; it reflects that the university-industry collaboration is successful.