

## **A Successful Joint Mini-symposium of National Taiwan University and University of Tsukuba**

A Joint Mini-symposium, organized by Drs. Jun-ichi Peter Abe, Pi-Chao Wang and Kosumi Yamada, was successfully held during TGSW2014. At the symposium, three speakers from NTU (Drs. Hsu-Liang Hsieh, Keqiang Wu and Li-Kwan Chang) and three speakers from the Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences at UT (Drs. Miyako Kusano, Hiroshi Shiba and Tomoki Chiba) presented talks on their research topics, which facilitated mutual understanding on both sides. Currently, our graduate school is preparing the Global Innovation Degree Program (GIDP) on Food Security Sciences with University of Bordeaux, and we plan to strengthen the program by collaborating with NTU. The symposium served as the first NTU-UT Joint Faculty Meeting as well, and preparation for GIDP between NTU and our graduate school got off to a good start.

(Reported by Hiroshi Ezura, Provost of the Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences)



Exchanging commemorative gifts between Dr. Hsinyu Lee (Chief of the Biotechnology Center, College of Life Science, NTU) and Dr. Hiroshi Ezura (Provost of the Graduate School of Life and Environmental Sciences, UT).



An active discussion at Dr. Hsieh's presentation.



After the symposium.



Speakers from UT holding a gift from NTU, Dr. Lee, and Dr. Ezura.