



Left: Audience of the conference. Right: Lecture by the students of Tatsuno High School. Photos by Naoki Tanabe.

There were 4 remote lectures using Zoom: Jan Schlauer and Andreas Fleischmann from Germany on Day-2 and Drew Martinez from the US and Greg Bourke from Australia on Day-3. These remote lectures were conducted smoothly without any noticeable issues.

Themes of the lectures were, in descending order, mechanism of prey trapping (signal transmission, roles of chemicals, evolution of carnivory), chemical components in plants (naphthoquinone in *Drosera*, phenolic compounds in *N. khasiana* and sugars/metals in *Nepenthes* extrafloral nectar), conservation of native habitats (sundews in southern Hyogo, *Sarracenia* in Alabama), field trip reports of native habitats (CPs in eastern Australia, *Pinguicula* in Mexico), ecology and morphology (*D. tokaiensis*, *Darlingtonia*), sundew-insect symbiosis, and the effects of environmental pollution. Two lectures also explained about simplified aseptic cultivation methods for carnivorous plants without using an autoclave and a laminar flow cabinet but using calcium hypochlorite (Lecture #6 Kawauchi) or slightly acidic electrolyzed water (Lecture #13 Tsubosaka).



Left: Conference dinner at Hotel Monterey. Right: View of Himeji Castle from the banquet room. Photos by Naoki Tanabe.

On 26 May evening, the conference dinner was held with about 100 people at the banquet room of Hotel Monterey Himeji, from which the lit-up Himeji Castle can be observed. The participants enjoyed the buffet-style foods and demonstrations of *nigiri-sushi* and *tempura* with *sake* and Japanese wines. As an entertainment of the dinner, a short magic show was performed by Naoki Tanabe during the dinner.