

The Launching Seminar

Jointly organized by IRGM (MINRESI), JICA (MOFA) and JST (MEXT), the seminar was held on 21st January 2011 at Hotel Hilton, Yaounde. The seminar was intended to publicize the goals of the SATREPS projects mainly to people of Cameroon. The project goals presented were (1) the CO₂ discharge system beneath Lakes Nyos and Monoun including CO₂-water-rock interaction, (2) the hydrological regime around the lakes, (3) eruptive history of volcanoes and rock geochemistry along the Cameroon Volcanic Line (CVL), (4) CO₂ distribution in Lakes Nyos, Monoun and other lakes along CVL, (5) setup of experimental system for removing CO₂-rich deep water to prevent gas rebuilding in Lake Monoun, and (6) continuation of geochemical monitoring of Lakes Nyos and Monoun. The welcome and opening addresses were presented during the opening ceremony by Dr. J.V. Hell (Director of IRGM), Mr. K. Yamamoto (Ambassador of Japan to Cameroon), Madam E. Etame (MINRESI SG), Prof. Y. Honkura (Program Officer of SATREPS), Mr. H. Hasegawa (MEXT), and Prof. T. Ohba (Leader of the project) (Fig. 1). More than 100 people participated in the seminar. The possibilities of inviting Cameroonian scientists and students to Japan were announced as the main components of capacity building under the SATREPS project.



Figure 1. Opening ceremony of the seminar.