Yamaguchi University Representatives Attend
Japan-Germany University Presidents Conference
and Visit Egypt's Cairo University and Al-Azhar University

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President of Yamaguchi University, Dr. Marumoto and Head of the International Societal Cooperation and Vice-President Dr. Matsuda, attended the Japan-Germany University Presidents Conference held in Berlin, Germany from the 17th to the 18th of May.

Sixty universities took part in the Conference consisting of thirty universities from Japan and thirty universities from Germany. Several topics were discussed at the conference including "Supporting Excellence in Education, Academia and Research","The Ever-Changing Management Strategies of Universities","Seizing Opportunities for Strategic Internationalization and Cooperative Activities", and "How Universities Should Deal with the Issues of Globalization". At the Welcome Reception, Dr. Marumoto spoke on behalf of all the Japanese universities attending the conference,"This conference has given us all an opportunity to strengthen the ties between universities in Japan and Germany."

In a bid to create new cooperative relations between Yamaguchi University and universities in Africa, an official visit was paid to the Vice-President for Graduate Studies and Research of Cairo University (Cairo, Egypt) Prof. Dr. Hussein Khaled on the 20th of May. This was followed by a visit to President Prof. Dr. Abd Elah El Huseiny, the president of one of the oldest universities in the world, of Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt on the 22nd of May. At both visits opinions were exchanged regarding academic agreements. The delegates also visited the Japanese Ambassador to Egypt, Ambassador Kaoru Ishikawa, and the Head of the JICA Egypt Office, Mr.Ikuro, to discuss international exchange with Egyptian universities and taking part in E-JUST (Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology).
The visit has successfully accelerated the cooperative efforts between Yamaguchi University and universities in Africa.