

Attendance: TICAD 8 side event "Japan-Africa University Exchange Conference"

On Monday, August 22, 2022, Prof. Morio, Executive Officer/Vice President (Information and International Exchange), attended the 8th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 8) official side event "Japan-Africa University Exchange Conference" organized by the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).

The event consisted of two parts, Part 1 "Plenary session" and Part 2 "Japan-Africa University President's Round Table Meeting" with the participation of 21 universities from Japan and Africa, attended online by 263 participants from 44 countries, including 36 African countries/regions.

The Part 1 "Plenary session" began with opening remarks by Mr. Kazuhito Hashimoto, President of JST, and Mr. Tsuneo Ide, Vice Minister of MEXT, followed by lectures from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and universities of Japan and Africa.

JST proposed inviting young African researchers and students to Japan through the "Sakura Science Exchange Program" to revitalize people-to-people exchanges promoting inter-university collaboration between Japan and Africa, and the Declaration was adopted, which states, the importance of promoting human exchange between Japan and Africa.

In the Part 2 "Japan-Africa University President's Round Table Meeting", the participants were divided into two groups for introduction and discussion. TMDU introduced the features of our research especially relating Ghana and an overview of exchanges with Ghana.

It is expected that further exchange will be stimulated with universities in African countries.

