

A Visit by Pascal Couchepin, Vice-President of the Swiss Federation

On July 9th, Pascal Couchepin, Vice-President / Federal Councillor of the Swiss Federation visited AIST Tsukuba Center along with the Swiss Ambassador, Paul Fivat and Konrad Osterwalder, President of Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich and others.

One of the main purposes of their visit was to see the progress being made in research for renewable energy and new energy. Kamimoto and Yamabe, both Research Coordinators Environment and Energy, Owadano, Director of Energy Technology Research Institute gave presentations of the works being done at AIST, and afterwards there was an active exchange of questions and answers.

After hearing a presentation by Kondo, Director of Research Center for Photovoltaics at the center itself, they

visited various other research facilities. The party left the center leaving words that they were highly impressed with the research being done at AIST.

From this visit, we hope for a development in research collaboration between AIST and Swiss research institutions in fields related to the environment and energy and others.



Kondo explains to Vice-President.

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