

**The 5th Japan-South Africa Joint Committee Meeting
on Science and Technology Cooperation
Press Release**

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On December 11, 2015 in Pretoria, South Africa, the Government of Japan and the Government of South Africa held the 5th Japan-South Africa Joint Committee Meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation. The Joint Committee was co-chaired by Mr. Makoto KATSURA, Ambassador for Science and Technology Cooperation, and Mr Daan du Toit, Deputy Director-General: International Cooperation and Resources, Department of Science and Technology.

The Joint Committee brought together representatives from a wide range of government agencies and science and technology related organizations of both countries. They presented the overview and progress of their science, technology and innovation policies and reviewed the recent developments of their cooperative activities in the fields of life science, environment and climate change, and human resource development. They also exchanged views on the possibility of future cooperation and information on joint researches and researcher exchanges.

In the course of the constructive discussions held today at the Joint Committee, the co-chairs re-acknowledged that the cooperation in science and technology between both countries had been steadily advancing and expressed their will to work together to further expand such cooperation. It was confirmed the next Joint Committee would be held in Japan and the specific date of the meeting will be coordinated through diplomatic channels.