President of Nagasaki University and Kumamoto University Made a Courtesy Visit in Myanmar

President Katamine (Nagasaki Univ.) and President Taniguchi (Kumamoto Univ.) and four other members visited the Embassy of Japan in Myanmar and Yangon Technological University (YTU) as part of the “Project for Enhancement of Engineering Higher Education in Myanmar”.

The Presidents first made a courtesy visit to Ambassador Higuchi at the Embassy and exchanged their views on the situation of international support in Myanmar as well as the current state of the Japanese Six Universities (JSUs). The Presidents then visited the YTU Rector Aye Myint and Dr. Nyi Hla Nge, the chairman of the steering committee of YTU and MTU, discussing the future student exchange program and the current state of YTU. Some staff members whom would soon be enrolling in the PhD program in Japan also joined the meeting.

In the afternoon, the President Taniguchi and the President Katamine gave speeches in YTU and attracted many students and teaching staff to attend.

President Katamine’s speech “Educational Reform in Nagasaki University” was beneficial for YTU because of their transition plan from the current six-year to four-year undergraduate education. The chairman Dr. Nyi Hla Nge has requested for more information on the system of the JSUs as a reference for their reorganization, and that indicated the visit was successful and meaningful for both universities.