

Space Science Colloquium

The Embassy of Japan in South Africa organized the Space Science Colloquium at the University of Pretoria on October 4 together with the Department of Science and Technology, Nairobi Research Station of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science and the University of Pretoria.

The Colloquium was intended to facilitate understanding about research and development activities related to space science in Japan and South Africa. The Colloquium attracted an audience of around 80 including governmental officials and university researchers.

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Pretoria, Prof. Cheryl de la Ray, introduced keynote speakers, including the Minister of Science and Technology H.E. Ms. Naledi Pandor, the Japanese Ambassador to South Africa H.E. Mr. Yutaka Yoshizawa and the President of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Nairobi Research Station, Mr. Soichiro Shiraishi.

Keynote speech by then Minister Science and Technology Ms. Pandor and Ambassador Yoshizawa



Exhibitions at University of Pretoria on October 4 as side event of the Space Colloquium



The presentations on Astronomy, Earth Observation, Cosmic Ray and Climate Change, Nano Satellite Development were conducted by the following speakers.

Prof. Shaukat Abdulrazak, (CEO, National Council for Science and Technology of Kenya): "Impact of Science and Technology on Society in Eastern Africa"

Dr. Takahiro Nagayama, (Nagoya University, Designated Assistant Professor): "12 years activity of IRSF, a 1.4 m Japanese telescope in South Africa"

Dr. Lee-Anne McKinnell, (SANSA Space Science): "Space Science Activities by SANSA"

Prof. Hirohisa Sakurai (Faculty of Science, Department of Physics, Yamagata University): "Cosmic ray and climate Change"

Dr Jane Olwoch (SANSA, Earth Observations): "Earth Observation"

Dr Waldo Kleynhans (University of Pretoria, Earth Observations): "The societal benefit of earth observation in a South African context"

Prof. Shinichi Nakasuka (Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, University of Tokyo): "Micro-satellite Development Experience in Japan"

Prof. Robert van Zyl (Cape Peninsula University of Technology): "Small Satellite development experience in South Africa"

