

Signing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Institute of Education, University of London

On Thursday March 3rd, 2011, Professor Richard Andrews, Dean of the Faculty of Children and Learning, Institute of Education (IOE), University of London, made an official visit to Chiba University to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between the two universities with Professor Saito, President of Chiba University and Professor Takizawa, Dean of the Faculty of Education. Professor Andrews came to Japan to give a series of lectures here in Chiba between March 2nd and 4th on topics including “Recent changes in Language Teaching in the UK : English and other Languages.” He was invited as part of the “Chiba University Visiting Overseas Lecturers Programme”, one of the Chiba University International Cooperation initiatives.

The campus of IOE is situated near the British Museum and the British Library, in the Bloomsbury district, at the academic and cultural heart of London. IOE is the UK’s leading institute for educational research and ranks as one of the world’s most influential centres for research into education and related social sciences. Furthermore, IOE offers a wide range of degree courses including more than 50 different Masters Programmes. It has more than 6,500 students, who come from all over the world.

Present at the signing ceremony were Prof. Kitamura, Vice President for Education and Student Affairs, Prof. Ando, Deputy Vice President for International Affairs, Professor Isozaki and Professor Oi, both of the Faculty of Education, and Mr. Gomita, Director of International Affairs Division. There was a pleasant atmosphere throughout the proceedings of concluding the agreement.

Before the signing ceremony, introductions to each university were given, followed by informal discussion. Agreement was made for future cooperation in education and research between the two universities, and with the Faculty of Education in particular.

