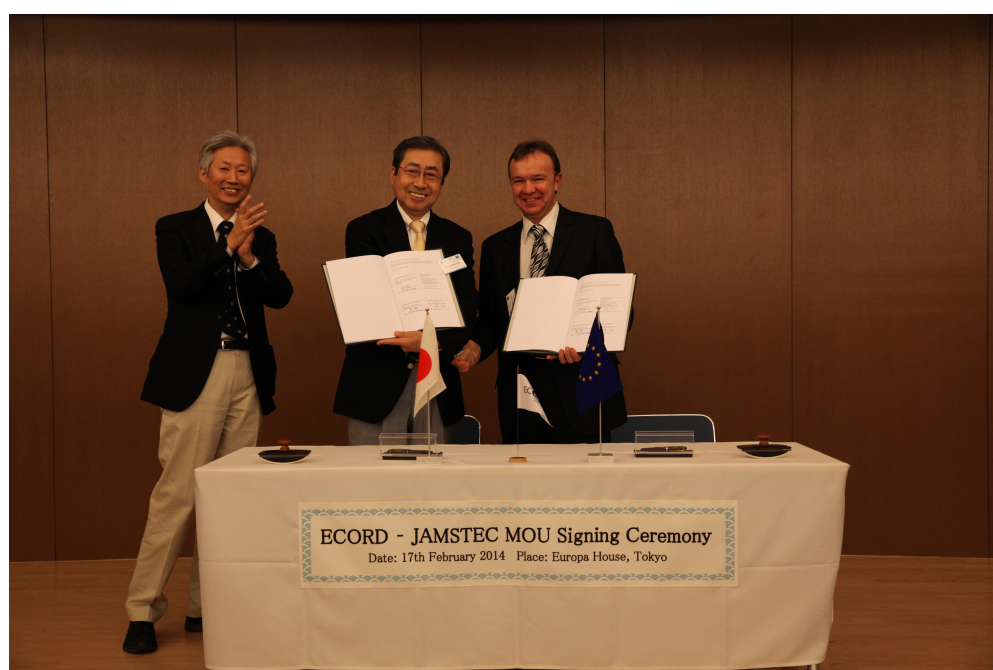


The ECORD-JAMSTEC Memorandum of Understanding has been signed
on February 17th, 2014 in Tokyo !

ECORD will be a Regular Member of the *Chikyu* program under IODP by providing an annual contribution as *Chikyu* Membership fee during the period from October 1st, 2013–September 30th, 2023. The level of funding will be defined each year by the ECORD Council, with a minimum contribution of US\$ 1 M within the limits of available funds.

ECORD will obtain one (1) berth per *Chikyu* expedition. In addition, 0.5 non-paid berth per *Chikyu* expedition for ECORD will be added in exchange for annual four (4) berths on each Mission Specific Platform expedition. At the actual implementation stage of each expedition, several scientists may be added for each party through mutual consultations between ECORD and JAMSTEC. Factors such as geographic interest, the number of annual expeditions/expedition days, intellectual contributions, size of the scientific party, etc. may also be considered in determining berths per expedition.

ECORD might also consider funding the *Chikyu* program under IODP on a project basis in European/Canadian waters with an order of ten million US dollars (US\$ 10 M) for the whole expedition. In this case, staffing will be determined through a separate mutual agreement.



From left to right : Dr Wataru Azuma (Director General CDEX/JAMSTEC), Dr Asahiko Taira (President JAMSTEC) and Dr Gilbert Camoin (EMA Director)