

## Global COE Kick-off Meeting

We, Education and Research Center for Material Innovation as a global COE program in Tokyo Institute of Technology, held a kick-off meeting “Education for researchers in materials science” on December 1, 2007. The participants over 90, including the delegates of 10 global COEs for materials science and chemistry and distinguished guests from Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, the educational and industrial worlds met at the Japan Chemical Society hall in Tokyo. After the opening remarks by Prof. Takezoe, our leader, the COE delegates and guests lectured on education for researchers in materials science from the view points of administration, education, research, industry, Asia and Europe. Especially, the Japanese participants were interested in the lectures presented by Prof. Soon Hyung Hong (Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology) and Prof. Andre Persoons (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven). The kick-off meeting was closed after a great active panel discussion, and a friendly banquet was given at Sikonkan in Meiji University.

