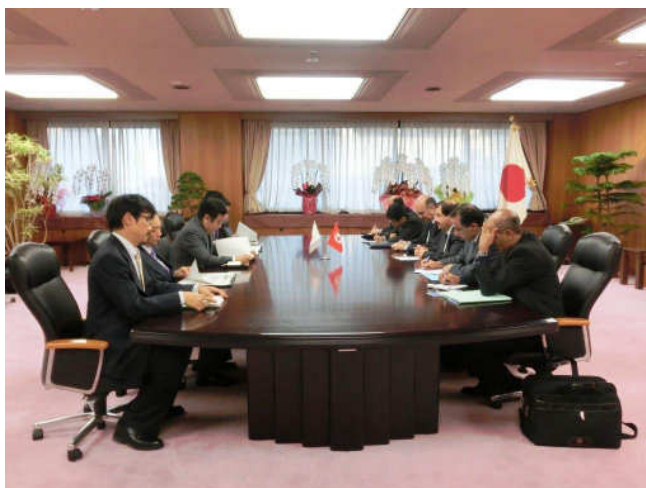


Tunisian Minister of Investment and International Cooperation pays a visit to Tokyo

On the occasion of the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB), a Tunisian delegation headed by Mr. Ridha Bettaieb, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation, visited Tokyo from 9 to 15 October 2012, to take part in this event.

This visit represented an opportunity to meet with Japanese officials such as Mr. Yukio Edano, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, to discuss about the best way to encourage the Japanese investments in Tunisia and to explain to the Japanese Minister the democratisation process in our country initiated after the revolution of freedom and dignity.



Mr. Bettaieb met also with Mr. Kazuyuki Hamada, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, to discuss political and economical issues in Tunisia especially the organization of the elections in the summer of 2013, the elaboration of the new Constitution and the investment climate in Tunisia after the Revolution of 14 January 2011.

Minister Bettaieb had meetings with Mr. Shinsuke Amiya, Parliamentary Vice-Minister (Ministry of Finance) and others officials in JICA, KEIDANREN, JBIC and JETRO.

These meetings permitted to discuss means and ways to enhance the bilateral cooperation and the projects financed by the Japanese side in Tunisia especially by JICA and to boost the Japanese investments in Tunisia.

In another connection, Mr. Bettaieb met with Mr. Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank, who expressed his support to the political and economical reforms in Tunisia since the revolution, especially the will of the World Bank to help Tunisia financially and technically in its political transition.