

## **SIAP director meets the Internal Affairs and Communications Minister of Japanese Government**

Ms Davaasuren Chultemjamts, the SIAP director visited the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) and met Minister Haraguchi, the cabinet level minister in charge of the ministry, in the afternoon of Thursday, 15 July 2010. Mr. Hiroshi Ikegawa, Director-General for Policy Planning (Statistical Standards) at MIC, who arranged the meeting, was also present.

The Director thanked Mr. Haraguchi for the strong support of Japanese Government to SIAP for the last 4 decades since its establishment in 1970 and emphasized the importance of her help for the tremendous results SIAP has so far realized.

Minister Haraguchi warmly received the visit and shared the understanding with Ms. Davaasuren that human resource development, particularly statistical capacity building, was an important factor for the development of nations. They also shared the idea that peace and friendship among nations was vital for today's globalizing world. The Minister presented her his recent publication on peace.

The Director of SIAP kindly invited Mr. Haraguchi, Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications to attend the SIAP's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony on 31 August this year and requested him to deliver a congratulatory message at the ceremony. Minister Haraguchi promised to do so.

