

## Conferment and Celebration Ceremony for the Honorable Roman Gebreselassie

The Conferment and Celebration Ceremony for the Honorable Roman Gebreselassie who received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star was held at the Japanese Ambassador's residence on the 2nd of June, 2018, and was hosted by H. E. Mr. Shinichi Saida, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative of Japan to IGAD and the AU. The Ceremony was attended by H.E. Ms. Muferihat Kamil, the Speaker of the FDRE House of People's Representatives; H.E. Ms. Keriya Ibrahim, the Speaker of the House of Federation; the Hon. Petros W/Senbet, Chairperson of the Legal and Justice Affairs Standing Committee of the House of People's Representatives; Government Officials, Parliamentarians, business people, artists, journalists, friends and the family of the Hon. Ms. Roman.

During the Ceremony, Ambassador Saida made a congratulatory speech, stating that the Order is being conferred for the Hon. Ms. Roman's dedication to promoting bilateral relations with Japan, and that she, in parallel to her tremendously important obligations at the parliament, has made huge contributions to the consolidation of those bilateral relations as the first Chairperson of the Ethio-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Group, and a supporter of various high-level visits.

Ms. Roman on her part said: "I am very glad and honored to receive this honor. I would like to express my thanks to the Japanese people and Government, and Ambassador Saida. Japan-Ethiopia relations are very deep and age-old. We will improve the relationship between Japan and Ethiopia, and I will help in further strengthening the bilateral ties".

