

Japan supports quality education move

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WOLAITA SODO — Japanese Ambassador to Ethiopia and Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative to the African Union Kazuhiro Suzuki reaffirmed that Japan would sustain its grass-root support to quality education in Ethiopia.

Suzuki was speaking at the inaugural ceremony for the Project for the Promotion of ICT Education at Wolaita Liqa School of Wolaita Zone held here Monday.

Ambassador Kazuhiro Suzuki said: "We support the project because we believe that children and local community development will be the basis of Ethiopia's future and contribute to quality education and students' good academic performance."

The Ambassador also said that enhancing the partnership and friendship between Ethiopia and Japan from leaders to young students, Japan wishes to further develop the relationship for the prosperity of the two peoples.

Speaking on the occasion, Ethiopian First Lady Roman Tesfaye appreciated the Japanese support to enhance the quality of education given in Ethiopia. Roman said that students need to nurture themselves with advanced studies in science and technology

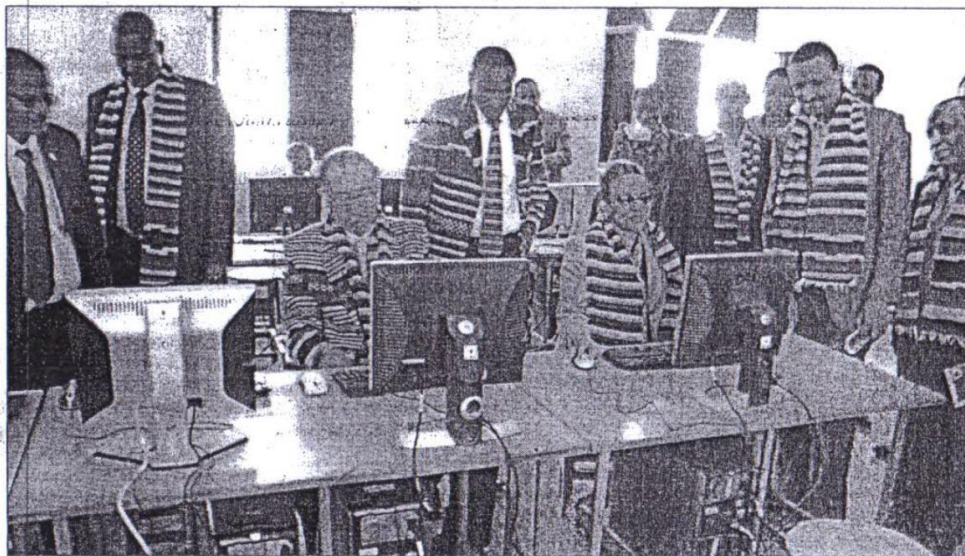
and thus be competitive globally and take part in the various undertakings and mega projects key to the development of their country.

The First Lady also said that teachers and school administrators should work hard to enable students acquire the study opportunities offered by Japan Embassy. She said that such efforts in modernizing the education sector would be sustained throughout the country.

Wolaita Zone Chief Administrator Eyob Watte on his part said that the establishment of the ICT Centre at the school would create a conducive learning-teaching process. Thus, the government would work in collaboration with stakeholders to sustain such modern education coverage opportunities.

The project which costs 103,277 USD for the construction of an ICT Centre, consists of one ICT room, one Technical Drawing room, and one satellite room with 50 computers to serve approximately 500 secondary and preparatory students at the school.

It is learnt that the plan for good ICT education at school was originally proposed by First Lady Roman Tesfaye to Akie Abe, spouse of the Japanese Premier Shinzo Abe, during the latter's official visit to Ethiopia in January, 2014.



The Ambassador and the First Lady visiting the ICT Centre of the school.