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**SYMPLE TYPE WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM**

**WITH JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY**

 On 10th February 2016, the Embassy of Japan co-hosted an open briefing “Simple Type Water Treatment System”, an innovative and environmentally-friendly water purification technology invented by POLY-GLU SOCIAL BUSINESS CO., LTD., a Japanese SME based in Osaka Prefecture.

 The system has already made great successes in rural and urban communities in Tanzania, Bangladesh and Somalia, and POLY-GLU SOCIAL BUSINESS CO., LTD. is seeking for opportunities to bring their successes into Ethiopia with its pilot project in Burayou Town in Oromia Special Zone in collaboration with the Government of Japan.

　 In his opening remarks, Ambassador Kazuhiro SUZUKI expressed his expectation that through Poly Glu’s unique clean water creative method, the Ethiopian society can benefit from bottom sanitation and can improve the quality of life thereby contributing future.

 During the event, Mr. Kanetoshi ODA, Chairman and CEO of POLY-GLU SOCIAL BUSINESS CO., LTD. introduced the “Simple Type Water Treatment System” and demonstrated its water purification procedure with flocculant powder called PGα21Ca® (commonly known as Poly Glu), hoping to contribute to improving and enhancing many Ethiopians’ access to safe drinking water.

 The event was attended by important partners of this initiative, including H. E. Ato Kebede Gerba, State Minister for Water, Irrigation and Electricity, as well as potential stakeholders from the Government of Ethiopia, the civil society and the media community.

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