

**Title: Inauguration Ceremony for the
Implementation of the Fukuoka Method of Solid Waste Management by UN-HABITAT**

On March 14th, H.E. Mr. Daisuke Matsunaga, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia, attended the Inauguration Ceremony for the project entitled 'Emergency technical support to Solid Waste Management (SMW) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: Rehabilitation of the Koshe dumpsite through implementing the Fukuoka Method', administered by UN-HABITAT. Under this method, a number of vertical pipes are set up to release accumulated underground methane gas. The aim of this project was to rehabilitate the collapsed area of the Koshe dumpsite to prevent further erosion and landslides and to stabilize the existing main area of the dumpsite. The total amount of the assistance was USD 2 Million.

H.E. Dr. Solomon Kidane, Deputy Mayor of Addis Ababa and Mr. Naison Mutizwa-Mangiza, Director, Regional Office for Africa, UN-Habitat, also attended the ceremony. After the ribbon cutting, all guests visited the rehabilitated dumpsite with Prof. Matsufuji, emeritus professor of Fukuoka University, who was visiting Ethiopia to provide technical support and introduce the Fukuoka Method. They all unveiled the project's signboard and memorial monument.



Ambassador Matsunaga Delivering Remarks



Ribbon Cutting



Project Site Visit with Prof. Matsufuji and Other Stakeholders



From left: Prof. Matsufuji, Mr. Mangiza, UN-HABITAT, Ambassador Matsunaga and Dr. Solomon (Deputy Mayor)