## Conferment and Celebration Ceremony for the H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn

The Embassy of Japan held a reception to present the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun to H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn, the previous Prime Minister of Ethiopia. High level officials from the Ethiopian Government, Members of Parliament and friends and family of H.E. Mr. Hailemariam were in attendance.

During the reception, Ambassador Matsunaga said H.E. Mr. Hailemariam is a prominent politician who has contributed greatly to the development of democracy in Ethiopia and also to the development and deepening of the Japan-Ethiopia relationship. Ambassador Matsunaga sincerely thanked H.E. Mr. Hailemariam for his significant success in improving the relationship between Ethiopia and Japan. Ambassador Matsunaga then proceeded to present H.E. Mr. Hailemariam with the order and the certificate.

H. E. Mr. Hailemariam said that he was very honoured to receive the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun and thanked Ambassador Matsunaga and the people of Japan as well as his Ethiopian colleagues and his friends and family. The Ethiopia-Japan relationship goes back many many years and is very strong. H. E. Mr. Hailemariam brought with him and introduced an Amharic language book written by an Ethiopian author on the remarkable development of post-war Japan.

In closing, H.E. Mr. Hailemariam declared that he would continue to contribute to the deepening of the Ethiopia-Japan relationship.



Giving for Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun



Remark by H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn



Group photo



With H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn's Family