

## Ground Breaking Ceremony for the TICAD Human Resource Development Center for Business and Industry

Ambassador Matsunaga participated in the ground breaking ceremony for the TICAD Human Resource Development Center for Business and Industry on 30 September 2019. Since 2009, Japan has been conducting the Kaizen project in order to disseminate the philosophy of Kaizen all over Ethiopia. It has produced tangible outcomes, such as the establishment of the Ethiopian Kaizen Institute (EKI) and the training of Ethiopian Kaizen consultants.

In addition to housing the headquarters of the EKI, the TICAD Human Resource Development Center for Business and Industry is equipped with lodging facilities that allow students from all over Ethiopia to attend. The center is also expected to become a Center of Excellence that accepts trainees from neighboring countries.

At the ceremony, Ambassador Matsunaga mentioned the important role that the Kaizen philosophy can play in making successful economic reforms. He also expressed his expectation that the center become a Center of Excellence in the region for the dissemination of Kaizen. Mr. Birhanu Feyisa, Deputy Commissioner of the Ethiopian Civil Service Commission, emphasized the importance of Kaizen to economic reforms in Ethiopia and expressed his commission's commitment to supporting this project. Mr. Mekonnen Yaie, Director General of the EKI, expressed his strong commitment to becoming a Center of Excellence in the region.

Finally, a ground breaking ceremony was held, praying for safe construction, led by representatives from the Fujita Corporation.



Remarks by Ambassador Matsunaga



Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Birhanu Feyisa



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