

The Signing Ceremony for the Grant Aid for
“The Economic and Social Development Programme”

On 23 July 2020, a signing ceremony for the Japanese grant aid for “The Economic and Social Development Programme” was held between H.E. Mr. Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance, in Addis Ababa and H.E. Mr. Matsunaga Daisuke, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia, and. The grant is worth 1.5 billion yen (over USD 13.6 million). Under the program, medical equipment will be provided in order to enhance measures being taken for the fight against infectious diseases including COVID-19 among others and to strengthen the health care system in Ethiopia that has been suffering from the severe impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the ceremony, H.E. Mr. Matsunaga Daisuke, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia, stated that this grant aid for the health sector, which is one of Japan’s strategic areas of assistance, will lead to the realization of the commitment, which was made at TICAD 7, held in Yokohama in August of 2019, to promote the expansion of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the Africa Health and Well-being Initiative. He added that it was a great pleasure to contribute to the health and well-being of the Ethiopian people. H.E. Mr. Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance, expressed his appreciation for the Japanese grant aid.



Signing on the E/N by Minister Ahmed and Ambassador Matsunaga



Minister Ahmed and Ambassador Matsunaga after the signature