

Meeting with UN-Habitat

On 11 January 2021, Ambassador Ito Takako had a meeting with Mr. Ishaku Maitubmi, UN-Habitat Task Manager for Ethiopia/ Senior Humanitarian Settlement Officer, and Mr. Aklilu Fikresilassie, UN-Habitat Ethiopia Programme Manager, regarding solid waste management (SWM) and sustainable city development in Ethiopia.

During the meeting, UN-Habitat stated that the Koshe Dump Site has been rehabilitated through the tireless efforts and guidance on the ground by the Japanese technical team led by Prof. Matsufuji Koji, an honorary professor at Fukuoka University who developed the Fukuoka Method, and expressed their appreciation for Japan's support. They added that they are now carrying out the rehabilitation of the other side of the Koshe Dump Site, based on the knowledge and technical capacities they had developed as over 100 officials of the Addis Ababa city administration as well as waste pickers received on-the-job technical training through Japan's emergency support projects, and through trainings in Japan in coordination with JICA.

Ambassador Ito expressed her delight that Japan was able to contribute to the establishment of the Solid Waste Development system through its emergency support programs. She also expressed that the Government of Japan is willing to further contribute to the realization of sustainable Solid Waste Management in Ethiopia.

(Reference) Following the collapse of piled garbage at the Koshe Dump Site in Addis Ababa in March 2017, the Government of Japan provided emergency support to Ethiopia through UN Habitat (USD 2.4 million in total), in order to establish a sustainable Solid Waste Management system, with the introduction of the Fukuoka Method in Addis Ababa and Bahir Dar.



Ambassador Ito and Mr. Ishaku and Mr. Aklilu, UN-Habitat representatives