

Signing Ceremony for “The Economic and Social Development Programme”(Provision of asphalt material) and Courtesy Call by Ambassador Ito on H.E. Ms. Yasmin Wohabrebbi,
State Minister of Finance

On 26 January, Japan signed an Exchange of Notes for “The Economic and Social Development Programme.” The signing ceremony was held in the presence of H.E Ms. ITO Takako, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia, and H.E. Ms. Yasmin Wohabrebbi, State Minister of Finance, on the premises of the Ministry of Finance. The agreement is a grant aid worth approximately USD 4.8 million, equivalent to Birr 190 million. The grant aid is being provided through the Economic and Social Development Programme, with a view to contributing towards the country’s social and economic development by providing asphalt material to the Ethiopian Roads Authority. The asphalt material will be used for the rehabilitation of National Road 1 and National Road 3.

During the signing ceremony, Ambassador Ito said that the infrastructure sector is one of priority areas in Japan’s development cooperation with Ethiopia, and that it is a pleasure to be able to provide such support, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also expressed her hope that the project would be completed swiftly and smoothly. H.E. Ms. Yasmin expressed her appreciation for the Japanese aid grant.

Before the ceremony, Ambassador Ito Takako paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ms. Yasmin. At the meeting, both sides discussed the Japan-Ethiopia relationship in terms of development cooperation in Ethiopia.



The Signing ceremony



The courtesy call on H.E. Ms. Yasmin,
State Minister of Finance