

Charge d' Affairs Ida's Visit to Hawassa City

On 8 April 2021, Charge d' Affairs Ida Toshio visited Hawassa City, Sidama Regional State, and had an exchange of views with the Hawassa Deputy Mayor Mr. Tsegaye Tuke. He also participated in a launching ceremony for the project entitled the “Emergency technical support to Solid Waste Management (SWM) in Hawassa, Ethiopia: The Implementation of Fukuoka Method as a Solution to Reduce Risks of Open Dump Site and Safeguard Public Health”, which was jointly held by the Embassy of Japan, UN-HABITAT and the Hawassa City Administration in Hawassa City.

During the meeting, the Deputy Mayor and Charge d' Affairs Ida exchanged views on the future cooperation between Japan and Hawassa City, as well as the economic and security situation in Hawassa City.

This project amounts to USD 0.75 million, which will be provided to UN-HABITAT to contribute to the restoration and establishment of a resilient, safe, and sustainable environment for Hawassa City through the use of the Fukuoka Method of Solid Waste Management.

This project will reduce the risks of unpredicted collapses, fires and methane gas explosions in the dumping area and significantly improve living conditions and the health of the surrounding 25,000 residents of the ‘Manariah’ sub-city. As a result, it is expected that the project will contribute to the social and economic development of Hawassa City, indirectly benefiting the broader urban population of over 300,000 residents.

At the launching ceremony, Charge d' Affairs Ida explained that this new project in Hawassa will be carried out based on the successful implementation of Japan's assistance to Addis Ababa and Bahir Dar to establish a sustainable Solid Waste Management system through the use of the Fukuoka Method. Mr. Ida added that he hopes this project will further deepen the friendship between the people of Japan and the people of Ethiopia. Ms. Haregewoin, UN-HABITAT Ethiopia Country Manager, and Deputy Mayor Mr. Tsegaye, expressed their appreciation for Japan's support.



Meeting between Charge d' Affairs Ida and Deputy Mayor Mr. Tsegaye



Charge d' Affairs Ida's Speech



Ms. Haregewoin's (UN-HABITAT) Speech



Group Photo at the Hawassa Dumpsite