

**Ambassador Ito Attends Launching Ceremony for the Science and Technology Research
Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS) Program**

On 1 July 2021, Ambassador Ito attended an online launching ceremony for the FY 2020 Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS) program entitled “Eco-engineering for Agricultural Revitalization Towards Improvement of Human Nutrition (EARTH): Water hyacinth to energy and agricultural crops”.

Participating in the ceremony were Prof. Sato Shinjiro from Soka University, the project leader; Prof. Afework, State Minister of Science and Higher Education; Dr. Baba, President of Soka University; and Dr. Firew, President of Bahir Dar University, who are all from Universities involved in the project.

During the meeting, Ambassador Ito expressed her hope that Japan’s support will help to purify Lake Tana and improve people’s nutrition through the establishment of an Eco-engineering system, as well as to contribute Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

