

Ambassador ITO's Participation in the Inauguration Ceremony for the Bahir Dar Landfill Site and Meeting with Amhara Regional Deputy President

On 14-15 July 2021, Ambassador ITO Takako visited Bahir Dar City, Amhara Regional State, and had an exchange of views with the Deputy Regional President Mr. Fenta Mandefro. During the meeting, the Deputy Regional President and Ambassador ITO exchanged views on the future cooperation between Japan and the Amhara Regional State, as well as the political, economic and security situation in the Amhara Region.

She also participated in an inauguration ceremony for the Bahir Dar Landfill Site, jointly organized by the Embassy of Japan, UN-HABITAT and the Bahir Dar City Government. The establishment of the landfill site was supported by the project entitled the "Emergency Support to Solid Waste Management in Ethiopian Cities" funded by the Japanese Government.

This project amounted to USD 0.40 million, which was provided to UN-HABITAT to establish the sustainable solid waste management system through the use of the Fukuoka Method in Addis Ababa and Bahir Dar.

As a result, the open dumpsite in Bahir Dar has been stabilized and the surrounding environment has been significantly improved through the proper treatment of water leakage and poisonous methane gas, which has contributed to better living and health conditions for around 100,000 residents.

At the inauguration ceremony, Ambassador ITO stated that the new project in Hawassa, which started this April, is based on the successful implementation of Japan's assistance to Addis Ababa and Bahir Dar. Ms. ITO added that she hopes this project will further deepen the friendship between the people of Japan and the people of Ethiopia. H.E. Ayisha, Ethiopia's Minister of Urban Development and Construction, Bahir Dar Mayor Dr. Dires, and Mr. Mutambi, the UN-HABITAT ROAF representative, expressed their appreciation for Japan's support.



Meeting between Ambassador ITO and Deputy Regional President Mr. Fenta



Ribbon cutting at the Bahir Dar Landfill Site



Mr. Mutambi UN HABTAT ROAF Representative's Speech



Ambassador ITO's Speech