

**Conferment of Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation for 2020 to
Ethiopian veteran diplomat and Director of UNESCO International
Institute for Capacity Building in Africa**

On 10 September, 2021, the Embassy of Japan in Ethiopia and Mission of Japan to the African Union held the conferment ceremony of the Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendations for 2020 to H.E. Ambassador Kongit Sinegiorgis, Ambassador of Ethiopia, Chairperson of Foreign Relations Council of Ethiopia (MOFA), and the former Permanent Representative to the AU and UNECA, and Dr. YOKOZEKI Yumiko, Director of UNESCO International Institute for Capacity Building in Africa (IICBA).

During the ceremony, H.E. Ms. ITO Takako, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia, conveyed her warm congratulations to Dr. YOKOZEKI Yumiko and acknowledged her extensive experiences in assisting development of curricula and capacity buildings for teachers in Ethiopia and various other African countries. H.E. Mr. HORIUCHI Toshihiko, Ambassador of Japan to the AU, also warmly congratulated H.E. Ambassador Kongit Sinegiorgis and recognised her outstanding contributions to the promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Africa through TICAD process.

Ambassador Kongit in her receiving remarks, appreciated the recognitions from Japanese Government. Dr. Yokozeki also in her receiving remarks, appreciated the award and further committed her future work in Ethiopia.

The conferment ceremony was conducted in a manner to observe all COVID-19 protocols in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infections.



Ambassador Ito's Presentation of a commemorative gift to Dr. Yokozeki



Ambassador Horiuchi's Presentation of the Certificate of Commendation to Ambassador Kongit



Group Photo



Reception