

Ambassador Ito attended the inaugural lecture under the JICA Chair Program

On 27 October 2021, Ambassador Ito attended the inaugural lecture under [the JICA Chair Program](#) organized by the Addis Ababa University (AAU) and JICA Ethiopia Office.

In her opening remarks at the lecture, Ambassador Ito touched upon the relationship between Japan and AAU, including a project financed by the Japanese government to renovate Ras Makonnen Hall at AAU. She explained that the JICA Chair Program would serve to know the reasons and secrets of how Japan was able to become the first non-western country that was truly democratic and economically advanced, while maintaining its own traditions and culture. Also, she outlined the history of the Japanese educational system which was the theme of this lecture, and introduced Dr. Yokozeki Yumiko as a guest speaker, who was [conferred the Japanese Foreign Minister's conferment for 2020](#).

Many AAU scholars and students attended the lecture, and actively exchanged their views on how to apply the Japanese educational system to Ethiopia.



(Group Photo)



(Ambassador's speech)



(Attendance)



(Banner at the venue)