

DCM Ida's Participation in the Handover Ceremony

On 7 March 2022, Mr. Ida Toshio, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy, participated in a handover ceremony for the project entitled the “Supporting Transformation, Peace and Security in the Horn of Africa”, which was jointly held by the Ministry of Justice and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) at the Ministry of Justice in Addis Ababa.

The project is to contribute immediate tangible measures to conditions furthering peace and stability through secure trade and connectivity in the Horn of Africa region and in particular Ethiopia and Eritrea. Through a total funding of 1.9 million USD to the UNODC, the required support was provided to enhance security of the movement of people, goods, services and across boundaries to and from selected international entry ports (land, sea and air) and improve the criminal justice process in the countries in the region.

At the ceremony, Mr. Ida added that another project, which is worth a total of 1 million USD approximately, has been approved in April 2021 with aim to provide more comprehensive support by further strengthening the capacity to respond to the crimes and rule of law, which is essential for the transformation and enhancement of peace and security the Horn of Africa and the surrounding regions. Mr. Ida concluded his speech by expressing his hope that the implementation of our project will successfully contribute to the peace and stability here in Ethiopia and surrounding regions.

Mr. Walsh, UNODC Eastern Africa Regional Representative and H.E. Mr. Fikadu State Minister of Justice expressed their appreciation for Japan's support.

