

## Ambassador Ito attended the 2nd lecture under the JICA Chair Program

On 19 April 2022, Ambassador Ito attended the 2nd lecture under [the JICA Chair Program](#) organized by the Addis Ababa University (AAU) and JICA Ethiopia Office. The theme of the lecture was “Japan’s Economic Development; Experience and Lessons from Japan”.

Ambassador Ito mentioned in the opening remarks that from a macro-economic perspective, just after World War II, Japan enjoyed a baby-boom period, or “demographic dividend.” She also presented that from a micro-economic point of view, Japanese ways of business management contributed to its miraculous economic development. In addition, she mentioned that Japanese Prime Minister KISHIDA Fumio has been advocating his economic policies under a banner of the “New Form of Capitalism” and his government has been carrying out measures to achieve the “twin-engine of growth and distribution.” In the end, she indicated that, as Japanese Foreign Minister HAYASHI Yoshimasa emphasized in the Ministerial Meeting of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development, or TICAD, which was held 26 and 27 March of this year, Japan is determined to continue assisting Africa to achieve Africa’s Agenda 2063, as well as the SDGs, with an priority on “human capital” and “quality of growth” under a banner of human security

As the main lecturer, Dr. OHNO Kenichi, Professor of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, or GRIPS, of Japan delivered a lecture on “Japan’s Postwar Recovery and High Growth 1946-1970: Extracting Lessons for Ethiopia” for about one hour. Mr. Getahun Tadesse, Principal KAIZEN Consultant talked about the relevance of KAIZEN activities in Ethiopia and in Africa.

Many AAU scholars and students attended the lecture, and actively exchanged their views on how to apply the Japanese experience and lessons from the post-war economic development to Ethiopia.



Ambassador ITO's Remarks



Dr. OHNO's Lecture



Principal KAIZEN Consultant Mr. Getahun's Presentation



Attendance



Group photo