

Ambassador Ito's Attendance at the Africa-Asia Youth Forum (AAYF)

On July 28 2022, Ambassador Ito attended the 1st Africa-Asia Youth Forum (AAYF) organized by the O-YES Global Foundation at the Skylight Hotel in Addis Ababa and gave opening remarks.

The O-YES Global Foundation, an international youth NGO founded in Thailand and in Ethiopia. The 1st AAYF is an international event that adopts the theme “Boosting Youth Roles in Ensuring a Sustainable Africa-Asia Partnership” and promotes the engagement of youth by bringing together and providing an opportunity to discuss and interact on various issues. The key Note Address was delivered by Minister of Women and Social Affairs H.E Dr. Ergogie Tesfaye.

In her opening remarks, Ambassador Ito introduced to the audience Japan’s cooperation with Africa through the activities by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) including Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV), strengthening of Japan-Africa relations through TICAD, internships and training programs in Japan through the ABE Initiative, and Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho: MEXT) Scholarships. In addition, she touched on startup visas and 1-yen entrepreneurship based on the new Companies Act, sending out a message to encourage entrepreneurship in Japan.

The Interview Video (16:13-18:40):

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Group Photo



Interview



Opening Remarks by Ambassador Ito