

Inauguration Ceremony of “the Project for Building the Disability Vocational Training Center in Bekoji Town, Eastern Arsi Zone, Oromia Region”

On 14 February 2023, an inauguration ceremony was held for “the Project for Building the Disability Vocational Training Center in Bekoji Town, Eastern Arsi Zone, Oromia Region” at Bekoji Campus of Arsi University.

In total, about USD 89,000 was provided by Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) to support one vocational training center for people with disabilities, 20 wheelchairs and some training equipment such as mats and beds as well as a washroom building for the people with disabilities. This project will enable about 250 people with disabilities in Bekoji town to increase their job opportunities and encourage them to be financially independent.

During the ceremony, Ambassador ITO delivered a congratulatory message, in which she expressed her appreciation for the collaboration with a Japanese snack manufacturing company IEDA SEIKA that has donated 2 cereal cookers to Arsi University. She stated her hope that these cookers will help people with disabilities to have more opportunities to work and earn income, and that puffed cereal will spread out from Bekoji town to other areas in Ethiopia.

Dr. Duguma Adugna, President of Arsi University, Dr. Wakoo Gedda, Bekoji Campus Dean of Arsi University and Dr. Oba Chikage, Assistant Professor of Arsi University expressed their appreciation for Japan’s support.

After the completion of the ceremony, some people with disabilities demonstrated how to use the cookers in the training center with instruction by Ms. IEDA Kaoruko, President of IEDA SEIKA, the puffed cereal was distributed to the people who attended the ceremony.



Ribbon-Cutting



Ambassador’s Speech



Disability Vocational Training Center



Demonstration of Puffed Cereal