

### **Visit by Amb. SAIDA Shinichi, Director General of the African Affairs.**

On February 27, 2023, during his visit to Ethiopia, Amb. SAIDA Shinichi, Director General of African Affairs paid a courtesy call on H.E. Amb. Mesganu Arega, State Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia . During the meeting, Amb. Mesganu noted that cooperation between Japan and Ethiopia has a long history, covering a wide range of areas including political and economic relations. Japan being a development partner of Ethiopia, he expressed his desire to develop deeper relationship in a sustainable manner based on a strategic and long-term perspective for the social and economic development of Ethiopia.

Amb. SAIDA shared the importance of deepening bilateral relations as State Minister pointed out. Amb. Saida also welcomed the peace agreement, touched upon the importance of the Ethiopian-led National Dialogue and expressed his high expectations for this initiative. With regard to economic relations, he mentioned the presence of Japanese companies that have established or are considering establishing operations in Ethiopia, and expressed his desire to develop more economic relations through TICAD 8 process.



Photo with Amb.Mesganu