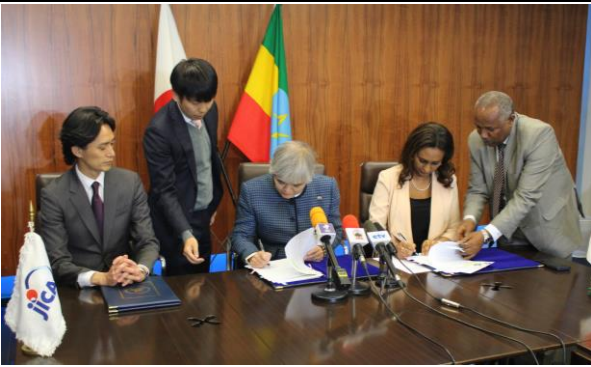


## Signing Ceremony for Japanese Grant Aid for the Development of Water Supply in Oromia and Amhara regions and for the Provision of Fertilizer

On 10 March, the Exchanges of Notes for three grant aid projects took place between H.E Ms. ITO Takako, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia, and H.E. Ms. Semereta Sewasew, State Minister of Finance, at the Ministry of Finance. The Grant aid projects signed are as following:

- “The Project for the Development of Water Supply Facilities of Small Towns in Oromia Region” (worth two billion six hundred and fifteen million JPY, or approximately USD 19.2 million, or ETB 1 billion), which will enable a stable supply of safe water to about 47,000 people in Oromia Region.
- “The Economic and Social Development Programme (The provision of Fertilizer)” (worth six hundred and fifty million JPY, or approximately USD 4.7 million, or ETB 252.9 million); By providing fertilizer whose price has skyrocketed after the war in Ukraine, this will contribute to the agricultural production and ensuring of food security in Ethiopia.
- “The Project for Improvement of Water Supply in Bahir Dar City” (worth one hundred and eighty four million JPY, or approximately USD 1.4 million, or ETB 75.3 million) ; By covering the funding gap of the ongoing project caused by inflation, this will benefit 170,000 people in Bahir Dar to have a stable access to safe water.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Ito expressed her hope that all these grant aid projects will benefit social and economic development in Ethiopia, bring health and well-being to people across the country, and strengthen the ties between the governments and peoples of Japan and Ethiopia.



Signing the agreement



Exchange of Notes



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