

Handover Ceremony for “Food Assistance Programme”

On 16 May 2023, the handover ceremony for “Food Assistance Programme” was held at a warehouse in Addis Ababa, in the presence of H.E. Ms. ITO Takako, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia, H.E. Ms. Semereta Sewasew, State Minister of Finance and Ato Acha Demisse, CEO of Ethiopian Trading Business Corporation. This programme is a grant aid worth approximately USD 5.5 million, equivalent to Birr 300 million.

On the basis of Ethiopia’s urgent need for food assistance due to the large number of IDPs, serious drought and skyrocketing food prices affected by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and so forth, this programme provided Ethiopia with approximately 5,700 MT of Japanese rice.

During the handover ceremony, Ambassador Ito stated that the issue of food security and our partnership with the Global South will be one of the most important topics the leaders will discuss in the coming G7 summit in Japan and it is her hope that this Japanese rice will be distributed to Ethiopian people in need as soon as possible, reducing the need to import rice from abroad.



Ambassador’s Speech



Handover of Rice



Group Photo