

Signing Ceremony for Japanese Grant Aid for the Project for Facilitating National Dialogue (UNDP Partnership)

On 26 May, the signing ceremony for Japan's grant aid project for Facilitating National Dialogue was held at the Ambassador's residence by H.E Ms. ITO Takako, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia, and Mr. Turhan Saleh, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative. The grant aid is worth approximately USD 3 million, or ETB 160 million.

This project aims to assist the Ethiopian National Dialogue Commission (ENDC) in becoming a more efficient, transparent, and ultimately, trusted and credible institution and to provide the required technical, operational and financial assistance for undertaking the important task of conducting a national dialogue. Through the project, necessary equipment for the ENDC's operations and other essential items will be provided to the ENDC office; handbooks and leaflets to promote the Ethiopian people's understanding of the national dialogue will be made, translated and published; and experts will be employed to advise and comment on the national dialogue.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Ito expressed her hope that the grant aid project will help the ENDC in its work to give the people of Ethiopia a greater sense of unity as a country, and a better understanding of people from different regions and areas, as well as people from different ethnicities, to bring about peace and stability across the country, which will strengthen the ties between the peoples of Japan and Ethiopia.



Signing the agreement



Exchange of Notes



Ambassador's Speech



Group Photo