

Handover Ceremony for “Pro-Environment Market-oriented Agriculture Promotion Project in Ethiopia (PREMAP)” funded by Japan’s NGO Partnership Grant Assistance

On 29 May, the handover ceremony for “Pro-Environment Market-oriented Agriculture Promotion Project in Ethiopia (PREMAP)” took place in the presence of H.E Ms. ITO Takako, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia, Dr. Mel Oluoch, Director of Regional Strategic Partnership Office, and Dr. Fentahun Mengistu, Country Director, Sasakawa Africa Association at Turga Galo, Negelle Arsi, Oromia. The project is worth approximately USD 592,030 or over ETB 32 million, and it is funded by the Government of Japan under the Japan’s NGO Partnership Grant Assistance.

The project will strengthen the functions of three farmer training centers (FTCs) selected from Amhara, Oromia and SNNP Regions, focusing on vital cash crops such as vegetables and paddy/rain-fed rice, and by providing these centers with solar-powered cold storage and small-scale irrigation facilities. The introduction of AI farming support equipment (Softbank’s “e-kakashi”) to the FTCs and the National Rice Research and Training Center in Amhara Region aims to establish water- and fertilizer-saving cultivation techniques that have less environmental impact. The project will contribute to improving the income and nutrition of 20,000-targeted families and mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Ito expressed her hope that the grant aid project will enhance the productivity of agricultural sector in Oromia, Amhara, and SNNP Regions, and that the project will be a cornerstone in Japan’s implementation of policies towards the food security, since Japanese PM KISHIDA underlined the importance of urgent response to the food security across the world including Ethiopia at the G7 Hiroshima Summit.



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