## Opening Ceremony for the Project for "Building Sustainable Peace through Promotion of Livelihood and Social Cohesion in Gedeo and West-Guji" by NGO Good Neighbors Japan

On 30 May, the opening ceremony for the Project for "Building Sustainable Peace through Promotion of Livelihood and Social Cohesion in Gedeo and West-Guji" took place in the presence of H.E Ms. ITO Takako, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia, Mr. Jang, Sung Gye, Country Representative, Good Neighbors Ethiopia, and Ms. Matsukuma Mai, Program Coordinator, Good Neighbors Japan, at Dilla, Gedeo Zone. The project is worth approximately USD 630,000 or over ETB 34 million.

The project will improve leadership skills of local government agricultural officers, enhance livelihoods for IDPs, returnees and host communities, increase efforts to promote social integration in communities, and increase opportunities for interaction between the two different peoples through the improvement of primary school facilities in Gedeo and West-Guji.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Ito expressed her hope that the grant aid project will enhance prolong peace and stability in Ethiopia, bring health and well-being to people in Gedeo and West-Guji, and strengthen the ties between the governments and peoples of Japan and Ethiopia.



Opening Speech by Ambassador



Speech by Mr. Jang, Country Representative



Group Photo



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