

## Ambassador ITO's Lecture at Addis Ababa University

Ambassador Ms. ITO Takako gave a lecture on Japan's Diplomacy in the World and in Africa on 22 June 2023 at Addis Ababa University. Around 150 university students, professors and researchers attended her lecture and Q&A session with their interests in international relations and Japanese diplomacy.

Ambassador Ito demonstrated the comparisons between Ethiopia and Japan in terms of population, land, GDP, composition of energy sources, trading, industry, national budgets and so forth to deepen the audience's understanding of Japan. Then, Ambassador Ito talked about the outlook of Japan's diplomacy as a peace-loving country after the World War II and the overview of the shifts of dynamics in the international community over the last decades. Moreover, she explained Japan's relations with its neighbouring countries and some unsolved issues that Japan has been tackling. The history of Japan-Ethiopia relations was touched upon, and Japan's various assistance projects to Ethiopia were introduced. The Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy (FOIP) and the results of TICAD 8 were also mentioned and Japan's diplomacy towards Africa was explained.

The participants asked many interesting questions such as: to what extent Japan's democratic position and ideas are in line or close to those of the West; what is Japan's position in the Sino-American economic war; why is Japan closer to the US than to its neighbour China; why is there no investment in Ethiopia by Toyota and other companies in the automotive industry; and is Japan willing to provide technical assistance to Ethiopia like to South Korea and Taiwan?.



Lecture by Ambassador Ito



Audience



Q&A Session



Group Photo