

## Ambassador's Visit to Kasama City

On 4 July, Ambassador Ito visited Kasama City and had a meeting with Mayor of Kasama City, Mr. YAMAGUCHI Shinju, and the vice country representative for UNICEF Ethiopia, Ms. KAGOSHIMA Mariko to discuss future collaborations between Ethiopia and Kasama City through sports, culture and so forth. Started by an Ethiopian student who was fascinated by Kasama pottery and eventually immigrated to Kasama City to be a pottery artist, Ethiopia and Kasama City have a long history of exchanges, which include the exchange events between Ethiopian and Japanese track and field athletes and the Kasama Half Marathon in honour of former Ethiopian track and field hero Abebe Bikila that were held for the last 17 years.

Ambassador Ito and Ms. Kagoshima also visited Murasaki Park Kasama, which is one of the largest skateboarding parks in Japan, and had a fruitful exchange of views with Park Staff, Mr. Maja, on the potential cooperation in strengthening friendly relationship between Ethiopia and Kasama City through the power of sports.



Meeting with Mayor of Kasama City, Mr. Yamaguchi,  
and the vice country representative for UNICEF  
Ethiopia, Ms. Kagoshima



With Mayor Yamaguchi and Ms. Kagoshima



With Murasaki Park Kasama Staff