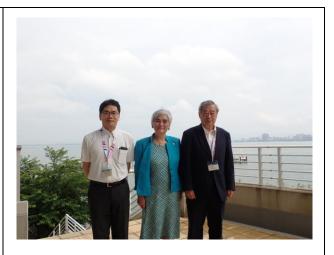
Ambassador's Visit to Shiga Prefecture

On 26th and 27th June, Ambassador Ito visited Shiga Prefecture and had a meeting with the Deputy Governor of Shiga Prefecture, Mr. EJIMA Koji, to discuss future collaboration between Amhara Region and Shiga Prefecture concerning the lake and so forth. In Amhara Region, there is Lake Tana, the largest lake in Ethiopia, while in Shiga Prefecture there is Lake Biwa, the largest lake in Japan, and through the implementation of the SATREPS (Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development) EARTH project, human resource exchanges between the two regions through their common denominator, the lakes, has begun.

Ambassador Ito also visited the Lake Biwa Environmental Research Institute and the University of Shiga Prefecture, where the SATREPS-EARTH project research is being carried out, and met with Dr. TSUNO Hiroshi, Director of the Institute, and Dr. IDE Shinji, President of the University, to exchange opinions on lake management in Lake Biwa, the current project progress, and future cooperation with Ethiopia.



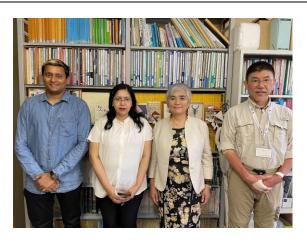
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With researchers participating in SATREPS-EARTH project at the University of Shiga Prefecture