

## **Inauguration Ceremony for “Project for Improvement of Water Supply in Bahir Dar City”**

On 13 July 2023, the inauguration ceremony of “Project for Improvement of Water Supply in Bahir Dar City” was held in the presence of H.E. Ms. Takako Ito, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia, H.E. Mr. Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance, Dr. Yilkal Kefale, President of the Amhara National Regional State, Dr. Dires, Mayor of Bahir Dar City and Dr. Mamaru Ayalew, Head of the Water and Energy Bureau in Amhara National Regional State at the project site.

This project, which is worth 2.3 billion yen and equivalent to approximately 16 million US dollars, aims to increase the amount of available clean water and decrease the number of people who contract water-borne diseases, by constructing well points, pump stations and pipelines. 150 thousand people in Bahir Dar city will be beneficiaries of this project, as they can now use clean water.

During the inauguration ceremony, Ambassador Ito expressed her appreciation for the Water and Energy Bureau in Amhara National Regional State for allowing Japanese companies to leave Ethiopia temporarily because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the conflict in Northern Ethiopia and maintaining the project sites properly so that the work can be resumed as soon as the Japanese companies return. She also expressed her respect that the Japanese companies and all the workers involved in the project for their dedicated work over the last 6 years, despite various challenges they had faced and overcome. She hoped that Bahir Dar Water Supply and Sewerage Service (BDWSSS) can maintain the water supply system properly and that the people of the city can use it as long as possible, and for the BDWSSS to become a role model of water supply service in Ethiopia.



Ribbon-cutting



Ambassador's Speech



Visit to Pump Station



Water Distribution Station