

## **Awarding Ceremony for the Patent of Decoration “the Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays” in FY2023 Spring to Dr. Elias Abi chakra, and a Hand-over Ceremony of Karate Mats and Uniforms from Japan Karatedo Federation to Ethiopia Karate Federation**

1. An awarding ceremony was held on 18 August 2023 at the residence of the Japanese Ambassador to Ethiopia in Addis Ababa to celebrate the conferment of the Patent of Decoration “the Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays” in FY2023 Spring to Dr. Elias Abi chakra, the former vice president of Ethiopia Karate Federation, receiving. During the ceremony, there was also a hand-over ceremony of 100 Karate mats and 30 uniforms from Japan Karatedo Federation to Ethiopia Karate Federation.
2. Dr. Elias has contributed to the promotion of karate in Ethiopia and France for more than 40 years. He has also worked to increase the number of black-belt holders and promote proper karate in Ethiopia. He also came to Japan to study karate and contributed to the promotion of mutual understanding and friendship with Japan through karate, and is still active in the promotion of proper karate as the chairman of the *Dan* (grade) examinations.
3. Since its official establishment, Ethiopia Karate Federation has been committed to the promotion of Karate in Ethiopia for more than 20 years. Today, there are regional Karate federations in all regions of the country, with 182 *Dojos* (Karate training halls) and the Karate population of more than 10,000 people. The organization has been contributing to training Karate practitioners and black belt holders to further promote high-quality Karate. In addition, the federation has been awarded to FY2022’s Japanese Foreign Minister’s Commendation.
4. The Decorations are awarded to individuals with outstanding achievements in international fields, in order to acknowledge their contributions to the promotion of friendship between Japan and other countries and areas. The Decorations also aim to promote the understanding and support of the Japanese public for the activities of the recipients.



Decoration to Dr. Elias



Dr. Elias making remarks



H.E. Amb. Mesfin Chernet (State Minister of Ministry of Culture and Sport) proposing a toast



Group Photo



Handing-Over Ceremony①



Handing-Over Ceremony②