## Support for Peace and Conflict Management Master's Course

On September 23, 2023, a commemorative graduation ceremony was held at the International Peace Support Training Institute (IPSTI), PKO Center, for the first batch of the "Master's Course in Peace and Conflict Management" supported by Japan through the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

The program, which started in December 2021 as IPSTI's first master's course, attracted military personnel and civilian policy not only from Ethiopia, but also from Uganda, Kenya, and South Sudan. The students have broadened their understanding of various aspects of the conflict, as well as learning lessons from a wide range of analytical methods and first-hand experiences of their instructors. They are expected to serve as high-level commanders and senior staff not only in Ethiopia but also in peacekeeping operations (PKO) organized by the UN and the AU in the Horn of Africa.

This course is highly regarded both domestically and internationally as a symbolic course of IPSTI, and the second batch of the course has already begun, including military officers from Uganda, Somalia, Nigeria, Malawi, South Sudan, Mozambique, etc. Graduates who are qualified to command PKO units numbering in the thousands will not only benefit PKO personnel under their command, but also will have a tremendous impact in terms of ensuring peace and stability for the local population in the areas where they are deployed.



Ambassador ITO's Speech



Group Photo