Japan Day Festival

The Japan Day Festival was held at Addis Ababa University on 11 November 2023 as part of the cultural projects in cooperation with Addis Ababa University and the JICA Ethiopia Office.

The Japanese community performed a Japanese "*Bon-Odori*" (a traditional Japanese dance) and Ethiopian *Judo* masters and children gave a "*Judo*" (Japanese martial arts) demonstration. In addition, the Ethiopian music unit "Moseb Cultural Music Group" performed Ethio-Japanese folk music, and Ethiopian dancers performed a participatory Ethiopian dance with other guests. Other activities included stalls with Japanese food and traditional Japanese festival games (*origami, kendama*, ring toss, chopstick bean grabbing, etc.) and booths for tea and coffee ceremonies, providing an opportunity to compare Japanese and Ethiopian cultures and experience the similarities between them.

On the day of the event, roughly 1,000 Ethiopian citizens, students from Addis Ababa University and foreigners came to enjoy the Japanese cultural experience. It is hoped that this event will increase the number of people interested in Japanese culture in the future.

Ambassador Ito's speech

State Minister of Culture and Sports, H.E. Ms. Worknesh's Speech

Audience

Performance by Moseb Cultural Music Group

Judo Demonstration

Bouncy Ball Scoop & Mini Balloon Catch

Kendama

Ring Toss

Origami

Origami

Tea Ceremony

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Bon Odori (Traditional Japanese Dance)

Participatory Ethiopian Dance