

Reception of Emperor's Birthday Celebration

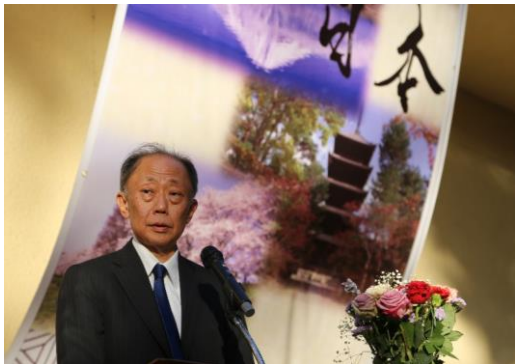
On March 7, 2024, Ambassador Shibata and Ambassador Nakagawa of the AU Delegation hosted a reception to celebrate the Emperor's 64th birthday.

The reception was attended by more than 200 people, including Ethiopian government officials, AU officials, and the members of the diplomatic corps, who celebrated the Emperor's birthday and enjoyed Japanese cuisine such as sushi, sake, and green tea.

The event also provided a good opportunity to deepen visitors' understanding on Japanese products and daily activities at many exhibition booths set up with the cooperation of Japanese companies and various NGOs in Ethiopia.

In his welcoming remarks, Ambassador Shibata appreciated Ethiopian people and others for their sympathy and support for the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake, and stressed that Japan would continue to provide development, humanitarian, and peace-building support Ethiopian people facing the various challenges, and that he would work to expand and deepen bilateral relations as the mission of newly appointed Ambassador to Ethiopia.

Ambassador Nakagawa, in his remarks, mentioned the TICAD Ministerial Meetings and TICAD 9 to be held this year and next year, respectively, and stated that Japan intends to be more actively involved and cooperate with African countries as "a partner growing together with Africa".



H. E. Ambassador Shibata to Ethiopia



H. E. Ambassador Nakagawa to the AU



At the Venue



Guests enjoying sushi



Japanese Company and NGO Exhibition
Booths



Exhibition of Japanese brand vehicles