

**Handing Over Ceremony of 12 Vehicles**  
**Japanese Grant Aid for the Project for Facilitating National Dialogue**  
**(UNDP Partnership)**

On 14 April 2024, Japan handed over 12 vehicles to the Ethiopian National Dialogue Commission (ENDC) as a part of the grant amounting to USD 3 million funded in May 2023 in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to support the efficient and credible operation of the National Dialogue process. H.E. Mr. SHIBATA Hironori, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia; Prof. Mesfin Araya, Chief Commissioner of ENDC; and Dr. Samuel Doe, Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), presided over the ceremony.

This project covers the procurement of 12 (twelve) vehicles and 100 computers. In addition, this funding will also provide support for the public-relations materials of the National Dialogue, which spread key information about the National Dialogue to people all over the nation.

During the ceremony, Ambassador SHIBATA Hironori expressed, “The National Dialogue is one of the key activities for realizing eternal peace in Ethiopia. Japan will enhance support for such critical peace building activities for the people of Ethiopia,” and “the Government of Japan understands the essential nature of the quick recovery and stability of Northern Ethiopia. Various projects were already granted more than USD 40 million in the conflict affected areas implemented by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and UN agencies after the Pretoria Agreement was signed in November 2022. Japan will enhance its support for improving and building sustainable peace and stability in Northern Ethiopia and elsewhere in the country.”



Vehicles handed over at the ceremony



Ambassador, Mr. SHIBATA making remarks



Handing over the key of vehicles to ENDC



Group photo with ENDC and UNDP