

Ambassador Shibata attended the fourth lecture under the JICA Chair Program

On 10 May 2024, Ambassador Shibata attended the 4th JICA Chair Programme Lecture "Start-up Ecosystem Development: experiences and lessons from Japan" co-organised by Addis Ababa University (AAU) and JICA Ethiopia Office.

In his guest of honour address, Ambassador Shibata introduced the lecturer, Prof. SOMEYA Takao, Vice President of the University of Tokyo, on his past activities and achievements in electronics research and start-up ecosystem development projects at the University of Tokyo, and explained once again the origins and objectives of the JICA Chair Programme. Ambassador Shibata also mentioned that he hoped that Vice-President Someya's lecture would contribute to the future development of Ethiopia.

Vice-President Someya then took the podium and introduced the start-up ecosystem development projects actually being undertaken at the University of Tokyo, followed by a presentation on his electronics research (e.g. electronic skins and wearable sensors), showing videos on his research process and experiments over many years, as well as examples of social implementation.

The programme was attended by many AAU faculty members and students, who engaged in a lively exchange of views on the lessons that can be learnt from Japan's start-up projects and the latest research in electronics, and how they can be applied in Ethiopia.

On this occasion, an MoU exchange ceremony between Addis Ababa University and JICA was also held.



Lecture by Vice President Someya



Speech by Ambassador Shibata



MoU Ceremony between the AAU and JICA



Speech by Dr. Samuel Kifle, President of the AAU



Audience