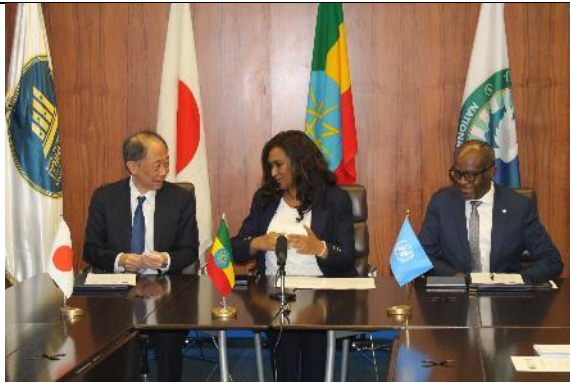


**Signing Ceremony of the Japan’s Grant Project  
for Supporting the “National Demobilization and Reintegration Programme”  
(UNDP Partnership)**

On 3 June 2024, the signing ceremony of the Japan’s grant project was held between H.E. Mr. SHIBATA Hironori, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia and Mr. Samuel Doe, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) witnessed by H.E. Ms. Semereta Sewasaw, State Minister of Ministry of Finance and Mr. Tesfalem Tihdego, Deputy Commissioner of National Rehabilitation Commission (NRC).

Japan granted 1 billion JPY (approx. 7 million USD) for supporting demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants implemented by NRC through UNDP, which includes demobilization of ex-combatants from camps to their original homes and capacity building for the staff of NRC who implement the various related activities in the field. This project also contributes recovery of the public services through rehabilitation of the health facilities and the public offices for the host communities. This support will help both ex-combatants and the host communities can retrieve their lives at the equal standard to the ones before the conflict happened and will also lead to the stability of the nation.

During the ceremony, Ambassador SHIBATA Hironori expressed, “This financial support will help leading to the launch of demobilization of ex-combatants on the ground. The Government of Japan would like to proceed by cooperating with the Ethiopian government and people, who have the ownership and responsibility for achieving the real peace and prosperity in this country.”



Guests exchanging their views



E/N signed between Japan and UNDP Ethiopia Office



Agreement signed among MoF, NRC and UNDP Ethiopia



Group photo