

## Event to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of ODA

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Embassy of Japan and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Ethiopia Office celebrated 70 years of Japan's international cooperation since 1954.

More than 200 guests gathered including Ministers and Officials from the Government of Ethiopia, Diplomatic Corps, UN agencies, International and local organizations, private companies, universities as well as JICA experts and volunteers working in Ethiopia.

In this event, Ambassador SHIBATA Hironori made a welcoming remark by looking back the 70 years of history of Japanese ODA policy and Mr OSHIMA Kensuke made a presentation on JICA's cooperation. H.E. Dr Meles Mekonnen, State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and H.E. Dr Ramiz Alakbarov, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, delivered congratulatory address, and H.E. Dr. Belete Molla, Minister, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, H.E. Mr Yetimgeta Asrat, State Minister, Ministry of Urban & Infrastructure and H.E. Mr Endrias Geta, State Minister, Ministry of Irrigation & Lowlands, participated in the event. The panel discussion among the partners of ODA schemes, was conducted to discuss the history and characteristics of Japanese ODA and the future contributions of ODA.



Group Photo



Remarks by Ambassador SHIBATA



Remarks by H.E. Dr Meles Mekonnen



Panel Discussion