

**Handover Ceremony of the New IPSTI Training Building and
Graduation Ceremony of the Master’s Programme in Peace and Conflict Management
in collaboration with UNDP**

On Saturday 16 November 2024, Ambassador SHIBATA attended the handover ceremony of the new training building and the graduation ceremony of the Master's Programme in Conflict Management at the International Peace Support Training Institute (IPSTI) in Addis Ababa. Lieutenant General Yimer Mekonnen represented the Ministry of Defence at the ceremony. From partner organisation UNDP, Ms. Shoko Noda, Director of Crisis Bureau and Mr. Samuel Doe, Representative of Ethiopia office were on attendance.

At the handover ceremony of the new IPSTI building, the participants were guided by IPSTI officials on a tour of the newly constructed classrooms following a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a plaque unveiling by the guests.

The graduation ceremony for the MSc in Conflict Management was participated by about 30 graduates from the course from Uganda, Nigeria, Mozambique, Malawi, Somalia and other African countries in addition to Ethiopia.

In his remarks, Ambassador SHIBATA congratulated the graduates of the course and said that the Ethiopian Government and the IPSTI have a role to play in the peace and stability of north-east Africa, and that the Master's Course will contribute to the development of high-level commanders and general staff in future UN peacekeeping operations and other related activities, and also enhance peace and security of not only the country but also the region and the world.

		
<p>Newly constructed training building</p>	<p>Ribbon-cutting</p>	<p>In front of the plaque</p>
		
<p>Tour in the building</p>	<p>Ambassador SHIBATA</p>	<p>Participants and graduates</p>