

Hanover Ceremony for Fertilizer through “The Economic and Social Development Programme”

On Thursday 27 March 2025, the handover ceremony for Fertilizer through “The Economic and Social Development Programme” was held at the premises of one of Ethiopian Agricultural Business Corporation (EABC) warehouses in Addis Ababa, in the presence of Ambassador SHIBATA Hironori, H.E. Mrs. Semereta Sewasaw, State Minister of Finance, H.E. Dr. Sofiya Kassa, State Minister of Agriculture, and Ato Kifle Woldemariam, CEO of EABC.

Japan handed over 6,000 metric tons of Urea fertilizer with the aims not only at responding to the needs of food and nutrition of Ethiopia, but also increasing the incomes of farmers as well as improving their livelihoods and alleviating poverty by making agriculture more productive.

At the ceremony, Ambassador SHIBATA said, "Japan has positioned agriculture, which employs 70 per cent of Ethiopia's working population and accounts for 35 per cent of GDP, as one of the priority areas of assistance to Ethiopia. Japan has been providing technical assistance in areas such as improving rice productivity and production, commercializing agriculture for small-scale farmers, and promoting crop insurance to improve the sustainability of small-scale farmers. In addition to these technical transfers, it is also necessary to secure agricultural inputs such as fertilizer to improve agricultural productivity and increase farmers' income. I expect that these fertilizers will be delivered to, and used by the people who need them most. Japan will continue to enhance its support in the agricultural sector, which is one of Ethiopia's key industries."



Ambassador SHIBATA delivers his remarks



Handover of fertilizer

(From left) Ambassador SHIBATA, Ato Kifle, CEO of EABC, Mrs. Semereta, State Minister of Finance, Dr. Sofiya, State Minister of Agriculture



Group photo of people involved in this project



Part of the fertilizer supplied from Japan