

Handing Over of Classroom Blocks and Activities for Peace Building by Good Neighbors

On 4 March 2025, the handover ceremony of classroom blocks was held at Banko Tatatu Primary School in Gedeb woreda, Gedeo Zone, South Ethiopia Region. The Project is entitled “Project on Building Sustainable Peace through Promotion of Livelihood and Social Cohesion in Gedeo and West-Guji, Ethiopia” funded by the Government of Japan and implemented by Good Neighbors, Non-Governmental Organization,

The ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of the construction of the school block with 4 classrooms at the above-mentioned school and Hera Kutu Primary School in Bulehora Woreda, West Guji Zone respectively. The event was witnessed by the representatives from two zones and Mr. Kim Younsu, Country Director from Good Neighbors Ethiopia (GNE) together with Ms. Hori Kaori, representative of the Embassy of Japan.

Good Neighbors has led the implementation of the three-year project funded by the Government of Japan in both zones since 2023 to stabilize the social lives and to build the eternal peace through livelihood support and promotion of social cohesion in the target area. Both Gedeo Zone in South Ethiopia Region and West Guji Zone in Oromia Region have been afflicted by a conflict fought between their residents in 2018. The second-year project involves the construction of two above-mentioned school buildings, the livelihood improvement through provision of seeds, seedlings, irrigation water pumps and trainings of farming techniques, as well as peace building activities.

Banko Tatatu Primary School with 1,500 students, is the only one school in the kebele located on two regional borders. New school building will not only bring a better learning environment for children in the region, but it is also hoped to contribute to peacebuilding activities by enhancing opportunities to have exchanges among local communities.

[Photos]



A new classroom block



Ms. Hori making a remark



Unveiling of the monument

(Person in right: Mr. Kim, GNE Country Director)



Welcome ceremony in front of new classroom