

Japan Culture Day

On 8 November, the Embassy of Japan and JICA Ethiopia Office jointly hosted Japan Culture Day at the Juventus Club in Addis Ababa.

The opening ceremony featured remarks by Ambassador Shibata and Mr. Ahmed Mohamed, Chief of staff of the Ministry of Culture and Sports. Distinguished guests included Ms. Derartu Tulu, former President of the Ethiopian Athletics Federation, and Mr. Bekele Gonfa, President of the Addis Ababa Paralympics Committee.

The event welcomed over 3,000 visitors, including diplomatic corps. Throughout the day of various countries, attendees enjoyed a wide range of cultural programs, including a shamisen performance by Ms. Natsumi Yuzu, karate and kendo demonstrations, a performance by the Katim Dance Team, a manga drawing competition, and screenings of three Japanese films.

The exhibition area featured booths representing the Japanese calligraphy, the Ambassador's Residence Chef, JICA, alumni of Japan's government scholarship program, Japanese companies, and Japanese food vendors. These exhibits further contributed to the promotion of Japanese culture toward the people of Ethiopia and the vibrant atmosphere of the event.



Ambassador Shibata remarks



Mr. Ahmed, Chief Advisor to the Minister of Culture & Sports



Visitors at the event



Shamisen performance by Natsumi Yuzu



Karate demonstration



Embassy booth



Food Booth of Japanese Ambassador's chef



Tea Ceremony Booth



JICA Booth



Katim Dance Team performance



JOCV Booth ①



JOCV Booth ②

