

Press Statement on the Policy Dialogue between the Government of Japan and the Government of Eritrea:

Asmara October 19, 2015: The annual economic policy dialogue was conducted between the Government of Japan and the Government of Eritrea today. In this meeting exchanges of ideas and opinions were made on how to further enhance and expand the ongoing cooperation between the two countries through the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process and to carry out technical cooperation in the field of sport with major relevant public and private key agencies of both countries prior to Tokyo Olympics 2020.

The policy dialogue encompassed various fields where both sides agreed to further carry out cooperation including but not excluding fisheries, aquaculture, health, education, infrastructure, climate change, food security, ODA, equity and loan participation of overseas enterprises of Japan in businesses of Eritrea, as well as sport and cultural exchanges (TOWARDS TOKYO OLYPMIC 2020).

Ambassador Norio MARUYAMA, Personal Representatives of the Prime Minister ABE for African Affairs and Director-General for African Affairs Department, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, and H.E. Dr. GIORGIS Tekemikahel Minister of National Development of Eritrea lead the dialogue. Relevant ministries, administrations, Embassy of Japan to Eritrea and Embassy of Eritrea to Japan and other key agencies also attended.

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