

Remarks by H.E. Mr. ESTIFANOS Afeworki, Ambassador of the State of Eritrea and Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps on the Occasion of the Japan Africa Business Forum 2014 Reception June 10, 2014 Tokyo

Distinguished guests,
Excellencies, and
Ladies and gentlemen

Allow me on this important occasion to extend, on behalf of the African Diplomatic Corps here in Tokyo and myself, our warm welcome to all of the participants of the Japan Africa Business Forum 2014.

Japan Africa Business Forum 2014 is a culmination of a long-time work and preparation made by the co-organizers: Japanese public and private entities, African Development Bank and African Diplomatic Corps here in Tokyo. Therefore, during this reception, please allow me to congratulate and express our deep appreciation for their accomplishment in organizing this event successfully.

We believe that this forum shall help in building a bridge between Africa and Japan. A bridge built on the principles of business, trust, humanism, people's energy centric and all the thought provoking brilliant ideas being generated in this forum by all the stakeholders.

We all hope that Japan Africa Business Forum 2014 shall be crowned with successful matchmakings.

Though many of the participants stay is going to be dedicated on business and indeed very short, please enjoy your stay in Tokyo.

Thank you