

Remarks made by H.E. Mr. ESTIFANOS Afeworki Ambassador of the State of Eritrea and Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps at the SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2025 (15 November 2025)

- **SEISA Africa – Asia Bridge Executive Committee and Yokohama City International Affairs Bureau**
- **Honorable Guests**
- **Students and staff present**

Konichiwa

It is a great honor for me to express our sincere gratitude and thanks for the kind invitation extended to me and colleagues from various countries present here today to participate in the opening ceremony of SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2025.

The SEISA Africa Asia Bridge was established by the late Mr. Yasuo MIYAZAWA - the founder of SEISA Group in 2015, with a clear objective of building a communication tunnel between the youth of the two strategically important continents.

At the same time, the dedicated staff of the SEISA Group have been faithfully carrying his vision forward, ensuring that this legacy is not only preserved but expanded through their daily efforts. As we all know, the future, as always, belongs to the youth of the world. Mr. MIYAZAWA has left us a rich legacy to cherish and continue to work for its long-lasting impact, in good faith, today and in the future. This is simply because equality and harmony of diversity is the foundation of human rights and world peace. Africa and Asia are currently at a historic crossroads of building peace, economic growth and many mutual developmental cooperation agendas.

These two continents have more than 5,300 languages and are rich in diverse cultures which are a treasure trove that calls for a deep exploration and sharing of wisdom and understandings by the youth of today.

The physical bridge of communications networks, both physical and virtual, between the two continents are expanding rapidly in front of our eyes. These phenomenal developments are primarily related to the critical human and natural resources - demand and supply issues-driven by the industrialized world.

At this juncture of human history, the need for a mutual and peaceful understanding between peoples of these important regions of our planet is getting significant, pronounced loudly as a daily news to our eyes and ears more than any time in the past epoch of human history.

With this awareness in mind, the SEISA Africa Asia Bridge's growing communications activities carried out today for establishing communication between the youth of different background of languages and cultural heritages are not only important but a must. Let me take this opportunity to wish good luck to all the youth and parents who are participating in the event of today.

- Arigato Gozaimashita and Yekenyeley in my mother tongue....Africa has more than 3000 languages