Remarks by H.E. Mr. ESTIFANOS Afeworki, Ambassador of the State of Eritrea to Japan on the Occasion of the Reception hosted by H.E. Mr. Kazuyuki Yamazaki, Deputy Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan Tokyo January 18, 2017

His Excellency Deputy Vice Minister Kazuyuki Yamazaki, Excellencies and Dear Colleagues, Ladies and gentlemen,

Good evening,

It is an honor and great pleasure for me to be here to make this greeting remarks and express gratitude, on behalf of all invited guest present this evening, for the invitation extended by Deputy Vice Minister Kazuyuki Yamazaki to all of us here to interact and get together with the authorities of the local governments of Japan to promote exchange of ideas and opinions for a tie-ups with our respective countries.

Japan is in the middle of its active preparation for the Tokyo Olympics 2020. As we all remember, Tokyo Olympics 1964 was a landmark in boasting Japan's international relations and its successful image of nation building.

Definitely, Tokyo Olympics 2020 shall also be another new level of introducing Japan to the rest of the world population. Local government shall definitely play a pivotal role in making Tokyo Olympics 2020 another success story for Japan and the rest of the world.

Therefore, I would like to ask all the participants of this evening to raise their glass and join me in a toast for the successful conduct of the economic, social, sport and cultural exchanges between Japan and our countries during this important period.

Ladies and gentlemen, authorities of local governments,

We, Excellencies and Dear Colleagues representing our countries here in Japan look forward to work with you very closely to achieve successful tie-ups during this important period of your country.

Kampai!