



EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF ERITREA TOKYO

Press Statement by the Embassy of the State of Eritrea to Japan on Agreement on Pre-games training Camp in Kanagawa Prefecture:

Agreement was signed between Eritrean National Olympic Committee, SEISA Group and Kanagawa Prefectural Government as well as Odawara City, Hakone Town and Oiso Town with respect to pre-games training camp for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Yokohama City on September 2, 2015.

This Agreement was made to mainly create a conducive atmosphere and perform as a tool to ensure the successful participation by many Eritrean athletes in Tokyo 2020 Games, including participation in the Paralympics Games for the first time, and to open an opportunity for grass root exchange programs for the mutual interest of both friendly countries' sport families and supporters.

Governor of Kanagawa Prefecture Mr. Yugi Kuroiwa, Chairperson of Eritrean National Olympic Committee (ENOC) Mr. Mehari Tesfay, Mayor of Odwara City Mr. Kenichi Kato, Mayor of Hakone Town Mr, Nabou Yamaguchi, Mayor of Oiso town Mr. Hisao Nakasaki and Chairperson of SEISA Group Mr. Yasuo Miyazawa signed the Agreement in front of invited guests and the media.

Ambassador Norio Maruyama, Director General of the African Affairs Department and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on African Affairs in Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan read a congratulatory message conveyed by Mr. Minoru Kiuchi, State Minister supporting the signing of the Agreement. Ambassador Estifanos Afeworki of the State of Eritrea also expressed the Government of Eritrea's support and commitment to the successful implementation of the Agreement in the closing reception hosted to honor the event.

Officials of Japan Olympic Committee (JOC), Japan Athletics Associations Federation (JAAF) and Headquarters for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games Cabinet Secretariat present in the signing ceremony also expressed their full support to the Agreement.

President of the Eritrean National Athletics Federation (ENAF) Mr. Luul Fisahaye attended the Ceremony and participated in further study tour of sport facilities conducted after.

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