

**Remarks by H.E. Mr. ESTIFANOS Afeworki, Ambassador of the State of Eritrea to Japan on the Occasion of “Tokyo Ambassadors Night” Reception Hosted by Tokyo Metropolitan Government January 25, 2017**

Honorable Ms. Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo  
Honorable guests present  
Excellencies and Dear Colleagues  
Ladies and gentlemen

Good evening,

It is an honor and great pleasure for me to be here to make this Kampai remarks and express gratitude, on behalf of all invited colleagues from the diplomatic corps present this evening, for the invitation extended to us by Honorable Yuriko Koike, Governor of Tokyo and Tokyo Metropolitan Government to attend the New Year reception of “Tokyo Ambassadors Night”.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank all the public and private sector of Tokyo for the wonderful preparation that they have made to introduce to all of us the rich food, drink, craft, art and culture of the past and present Tokyo tonight. It is always very delightful to welcome the New Year with humanism.

Your city is hosting Olympics for the second time. Tokyo Olympics 1964 was excellent. We are sure with committed leadership of Governor Koike, the excellent preparations already in motion by Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the enthusiasm of the population of this great city, the bright success story of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic in 2020 is already in the horizon.

All members of the diplomatic corps here in Tokyo are more than happy to work hand in hand with Tokyo Metropolitan Government to make the events in 2020 a success. Give us your soft power of communication tools and we shall definitely convey them to our governments and our people. Let’s shake hands where the heartbeat of our people and Japan is – i.e. sports and culture.

With this short remark, I would like to ask all the participants of this event to raise their glass with me,

We, Excellences and Dear Colleagues representing our countries here in Japan look forward to working with Tokyo Metropolitan Government very closely to achieve successful Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020.

Happy New Year!

Kampai!