

**Closing Remarks Made by H. E. Mr. ESTIFANOS Afeworki, Ambassador of the State of Eritrea to Japan and Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps on the Occasion of Japan Africa Business Forum 10-11 June 2014, Tokyo, Japan:**

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On behalf of my colleagues, the African Diplomatic Corps in Tokyo, we would like to extend our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the honorable guests who attended this forum, the forum chairperson, Her Excellency Dr. Mohau Pheko, Ambassador of Republic of South Africa to Japan, moderators, distinguished keynote speakers, panelists and all the participants.

Our special thanks goes to the Government and business community of Japan, the African Diplomatic Corps and the African Development Bank for the wonderful arrangements and preparation they made for this conference to be held and also for the vibrant vibration in the conference wherein everyone had been given the opportunity to participate and to convey his viewpoints. I believe, this has been a great opportunity that has enhanced everyone's knowledge about business opportunities and tie-ups between Africa and Japan.

We would also like to take this opportunity to convey special thanks to the organizers: African Diplomatic Corps, African Development Bank and the co-organizers: JICA, JETRO and all the supporting organizations: Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Keidanren, Kezai Doyukai, JOGMEC, JBIC, World Bank Group, Africa Society of Japan, UNIDO, UNDP, World Bank Group, Africa Society of Japan, Association of African Economy and Development Japan, Alliance Forum Foundation and Africa Business Promotion Support Network.

Although, many of us who came all the way to Japan might not have the opportunity to really see the country in these two days, we hope this forum by itself will make Your visit always memorable.

The African Diplomatic Corps in Tokyo believes that recommendations, which the delegates had proposed in this forum, i.e. both African and Japanese businesses, are worthy subjects for follow up actions by governments and policy makers both in Japan and African countries.

Finally, I must thank all of you once again here especially all those ladies and gentlemen who have worked behind the scene for the success of Japan – Africa Business Forum 2014.

Thank you very much.