

**Remarks by H.E. Mr. Estifanos Afeworki Haile Ambassador of the State of Eritrea to Japan at the occasion of SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2023 on November 11, 2023**

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Excellences and Dear colleagues ,  
Distinguished guests present,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning,  
Ohayo Gozaymasu,

First and foremost, allow me to express my gratitude and thanks for the invitation extended to me to participate in the SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2023.

It is an honor for me to be present here with you, in this important event, to express my respect and gratitude to a great friend of Africa, the late Mr. Yasuo MIYAZAWA, former CEO and FOUNDER of SEISA Group as well as a founder of SEISA Africa Bridge. This is also an opportune occasion for me to express, as always, my best wishes and continued support for his mission to be a successful story.

Africa Asia relation is not a matter of choice but a matter of necessity because Africa and Asia are the final frontiers of human and natural resources in the modern world that we live in today.

Building Africa Asia bridge means building sustainable trade and commerce between the people of Africa and Asia in particular and the world in general.

Building Africa Asia bridge means building a win-win future relations between the people of the world in general and Africans and Asians in particular.

Building Africa Asia bridge means building people-to-people relationships as the main pillar of building partnerships of human wisdom, educational, cultural, economic, and knowledge-based exchanges.

Building Africa Asia Bridge means solidarity and friendship of people, especially the youth, for building world peace and regional stability in general and Africa and Asia in particular.

When COVID-19, climate change adverse effects and wars are currently ravaging Africa, Asia, Europe and humanity in general, it becomes more imperative for politicians, diplomats, educators and the youth to hold hand-in-hand with each other to work for peace not tomorrow but yesterday and today.

SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2023 celebration being held today is a clear reminder of this light at the end of the tunnel - that we all cherish together - throughout human history - because, as the African saying goes, "when elephants fight, it is always the grass that suffers".

Peace and cooperation shall definitely prevail if the current centers of civilizations choose to communicate instead of the continued declaration of power and money through world wars and proxy conflicts.

This is my humble message to all the participants of this event, especially to the students and educators, as a survivor of wars in the Horn of Africa and the Middle East.

Give peace a chance!

Thank you!

Arigato Gozaimashita!