

**Remarks made by H.E. Mr. ESTIFANOS Afeworki Ambassador of the State of Eritrea and Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps at the SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2024 (9 November 2024)**

**Honorable guests present  
Excellencies and Dear colleagues  
Ladies and Gentlemen and  
Dear students**

Konichiwa,

First of all, let me thank the organizers, The Executive Committee of SEISA Africa Asia Bridge and Yokohama City International Bureau, for the kind invitation extended to us to attend the SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2024 – a continued public event held to promote and enhance friendship and cooperation within and between the two important continents of human history and their future.

People-to-people communication is the most important tool in the building of a mutual give-and-take relationships of peace, understanding as well as to enhance and develop, mutual win-win diplomatic, trade and investment relationships between nations. Efforts to enhance and develop these mutual relations in Asia and Africa includes but doesn't exclude participation of the young generation of all nations because the future belongs to them.

SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2024 which is being held today in a school, among young students, is a standing example and a herald of this noble objective.

As a senior African Diplomat who have attended this event since its launching, allow me to pay tribute and gratitude on this occasion, to the founder of this noble idea, the late Chairman Yasuo MIYAZAWA and all the staffs who have tried to carry on his dream, for their valuable contributions.

In the spirit of friendship and solidarity, let me also first and foremost wish success to SEISA Africa Asia Bridge 2024. I also would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere hope that this collaboration with Africa will serve and contribute towards the successful holding of TICAD9 Summit which is going to be held in Yokohama City in the coming August 2025.

Arigato!