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24 Journalists participated in **“The 1st Japan’s ODA Press Tour” in South Sudan**

Embassy of Japan, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Japanese Contingent Engineer Company of UNMISS jointly organized “Japan’s Official Development Assistance(ODA) Press Tour” on 27-28 November, 2013.

This tour intended to provide journalists with a firsthand knowledge about Japan’s concepts of its Official Development Assistance (ODA) and to subsequently inform the people of South Sudan of Japan’s various ODA projects.

On 27-28 November 2013, a group of major media agencies in South Sudan consisting of 24 journalists participated in this tour, together with Mr. Takeshi Akamatsu, Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Atsushi Hanatani, the Chief Representative of JICA. They visited a total of six Japan’s project sites as follows in the areas of agriculture, water, infrastructure and vocational training in Juba.

- *The Project for Comprehensive Agricultural Development Master Plan(CAMP)*
- *The Project for Irrigation Development Master Plan(IDMP)*
- *The Project for Improvement of Water Supply System in Juba*
- *The Project for Management Capacity Enhancement of South Sudan Urban Water Corporation*
- *The Project for Maintaining Juba Na Bari Community Road*
- *The Project for Improvement of Basic Skills and Vocational Training in South Sudan(SAVOT)*
- *The Project for Construction and Rehabilitation of Bridges on Main Roads in Juba*
- *The Project for the Construction of the New Nile Bridge*

With the upgrading of the Japanese Liaison Office to an Embassy in July, Japan renewed its commitment in continuing support to South Sudan and extended its assistance of more than 220 million USD to South Sudan in 2013, the largest contribution among African countries.

Mr. Takeshi Akamatsu, who just presented the credentials to the President H.E. Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit as the first Japanese Ambassador to South Sudan on 28th November, stated that Japan’s ODA is conducted as a “joint effort”, based on true partnership that seek to transfer Japan’s experiences and knowledge directly by building the capacity of the people of South Sudan through implementation of various projects.

He also emphasized that it is up to the people of South Sudan to take on responsibility for their future and exert efforts to make their dreams come true. Japan will always stand, side by side with the people of this country, as a partner in such joint endeavor.

Japan will continue working at most efforts on informing the people of South Sudan about Japan's assistance through making different opportunities such as organizing press tours, opening ceremonies and so on.

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