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Japan Disburses \$90,457 to South Sudan Athletics Federation

16 February 2016, Juba, South Sudan - The Government of Japan conveys the good will of the people of Japan by extending a grant assistance of USD 90,457 to the South Sudan Athletics Federation under the scheme of the Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects (GCGP)*.

The Grant Contract of the GCGP Project for the Maintenance of Buluk Athletics Field in Juba was signed on 16 February 2016, between Mr. Kiya Masahiko, Ambassador of Japan, and Mr. Semir Khamis, the representative of the South Sudan Athletics Federation.

The project is to encourage the South Sudan Athletics Federation's activity through providing necessary equipment, including starting blocks, hurdles, discs, shots, Javelins, relay batons. The Government of Japan also supports building a fence surrounding the athletics field and storage for the athletic equipment.

Ambassador Kiya said: “I was very much moved by young athletes from all over the country genuinely trying their very best to win the races on the occasion of the National Unity Day sporting event. Today’s contribution follows that sporting event supported by JICA. I look forward to South Sudanese athletes taking part in 2020 Tokyo Olympics and marking good records.

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Grant assistance for Cultural Grassroots Project (GCGP) provides nonrefundable financial assistance to support the implementation of cultural and higher education projects conducted by non-profit organizations (including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), local authorities, research and higher education institutions, etc.) that are active at the grass-roots level in developing countries. GCGP directly supports the promotion of culture and higher education at the grass-roots level in each country, while also acting as cooperation which encourages understanding of and cultural exchanges with Japan. The priority areas of GCGP in FY 2015 are (1) Sport fields as a part of the "Sport for Tomorrow" initiative, and (2) Japanese language education.



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