

**Remarks by Kiya Masahiko, Ambassador of Japan to South Sudan,  
at the Launch of DNPI Training Academy  
in Rombur, Luri County**

Hon. Michael Chiangjiek Geay Mut, the Minister of Interior,  
Lt. Gen. James Biel Ruot, Acting and Deputy Inspector-General of Police,  
Lt. Gen. Majak Akec Malok, Director-General of Nationality, Passports and Immigration,  
Hon. Isaac Ribek Benjamin, Jubek State Minister of Local Government,  
Lt. Gen. Bruce Munyambo, UNMISS Police Commissioner,  
Mr. William Barriga, Chief of Mission of IOM South Sudan,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great honor and privilege for me to be invited to this launch of DNPI Training Academy in Rombur. With the collective efforts of the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration and IOM South Sudan, this center is now operationalized. A training course on border management, organized by the Directorate itself, has just started at this center. 40 officers of the first batch are graduating today.

It is to be noted that, since the beginning of the current Japan-IOM integrated border management project last year, 239 officers have already completed training. Still, all the training was conducted in either Tanzania, Kenya or local hotels in Juba. I am hopeful that, with this new Immigration Training Center, such training will be scaled up with much greater efficiency and effectiveness.

It is so evident that border management is a basic, indispensable function of state and that it is key to both security and economy of this new-born

country. It has become even more important as South Sudan joined the East African Community. And professional border security and migration management with integrity can only be achieved through persistent high-quality training of personnel in charge. This training center will make this a reality. Congratulations to you all!

I would like to take this opportunity to express Japan's commitment to supporting institution and capacity building in South Sudan and to announce that Japan would extend support of 1 million US dollars for the next phase of this integrated border management project in cooperation with IOM as part of Japan's humanitarian and reconstruction assistance of 22 million dollars this year.

During the next project phase, Japan will support: (1) more training of DNPI officials for the management of information system, (2) one training curriculum to be developed, (3) one database for immigration control for the introduction of E-visa, (4) one border post in Northern Bahr el Ghazal (at Majok Yithiou), and (5) joint cross border patrol in Nadapal and Nimule.

Let me conclude by expressing my sincere hope that each and every one of the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration would make full use of this new facility as well as the next phase of Japan-IOM assistance. In doing so, I believe that the enhanced capacity of this important arm of the Government will greatly contribute to achieving peace and prosperity of this great nation of South Sudan.

Thank you for your attention. Shukran Jazilan.