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Japanese Government Hands Over Its Peacekeepers' Equipment to UNMISS

23 May, 2017, Juba—At the end of the assignment of the Engineering Unit dispatched from Japan Self Defense Forces (JSDF), the Government of Japan handed over its equipment to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

As the Unit prepares to leave Juba on the 25th, the Government of Japan has transferred the ownership of some of the Unit's equipment to UNMISS, including engineering equipment, heavy machinery, and living quarter facilities with a hope of supporting the UNMISS' mission and facilitating prospective troops' work. The value of the transferred equipment at the time of acquisition amounts to nearly JPY 2.7 billion, or approximately USD 24 million.

Japanese troops have participated as an engineering contingent of UNMISS since January 2012 to deliver civil works for improving IDPs' living environment and to undertake rehabilitation of roads in and around Juba.

At the handover ceremony, Mr. Miyajima Akio, Director-General of Japan's Secretariat of the International Peace Cooperation Headquarters in Tokyo, stated: "It is our strong wish that the equipment to be handed over today helps UNMISS pursue its noble endeavours and valuable activities toward peace, stability and nation-building of South Sudan." Registering the Mission's appreciation to the Japanese donation, Head of UNMISS and UN Secretary-General's Special Representative, Mr. David Shearer, reaffirmed that the equipment would be fully made use of to support the Mission's future operations in the assistance of the people of South Sudan."

While its Engineering Unit will fully withdraw by May, Japan stays engaged with South Sudan and continues to proactively contribute to the nation building of South Sudan by various activities including through the political process. In addition to supporting the steady implementation of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan, Japan provides facilitation for advancing an inclusive national dialogue process. Japanese Ambassador to South Sudan, Kiya Masahiko, says: "Japan, together with UNMISS, remains determined to make all efforts possible to bring about peace in South Sudan and stand by its people."



Akio Miyajima, Director-General of Japan's PKO headquarters, presents Mr. David Shearer, the UNMISS Head [second from left], with the list of transferred equipment as token of remembrance.



Japan Engineering Unit's heavy engineering machinery successfully rehabilitated hundreds of kilometres of main supply routes and enabled UN to provide essential services for IDPs.