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**Foreign Ministers of Japan and South Sudan
discussed peace in South Sudan and bilateral cooperation
on the occasion of TICAD Ministerial Meeting in Mozambique**



On August 25 2017, Japanese Foreign Minister Mr. Taro Kono and South Sudanese Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hon. Deng Alor Kuol held a bilateral meeting to discuss peace in South Sudan as well as cooperation between the two countries.

The meeting took place on the occasion of Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) Ministerial Meeting, which was held in Maputo, the capital city of the Republic of Mozambique. The TICAD Ministerial was attended by representatives of 51 African countries, including 17 Foreign Ministers, together with representatives of partner organizations and countries.



In the bilateral meeting, Foreign Minister Kono expressed his sincere appreciation for Hon. Deng Alor to attend the TICAD Ministerial. He also stated Japan's willingness to continue supporting South Sudan, even after the withdrawal of its Self Defense Force Contingent from UNMISS, for peace and stability, progress of political process as well as improvement of humanitarian situation in South Sudan.

Hon. Den Alor replied to his remarks by expressing sincere appreciation and hope for Japan's continued support for South Sudan and commended Japan's contribution to African development through TICAD process. He also elaborated on the latest developments of the National Dialogue as well as IGAD process to improve the situation in the country.

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