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Over 1,200 Officers Trained for Border and Migration Management with Support of Japan and IOM

Juba – “Over 1,200 officers have been trained for border and migration management since 2012 with support of Japan and IOM,” the Director General of Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration (DNPI) Lt General Majak Akec Malok told Ambassador of Japan to South Sudan Kiya Masahiko.



On 11 September, Ambassador Kiya visited the Juba International Airport to have a discussion with the DG Majak regarding Japan’s assistance and DNPI’s commitment and future activities. During the tour at the airport, Ambassador Kiya visited the current departure and arrival counters of the airport and observed the work of immigration officers. The counters were set up in November 2016 by IOM with support of Japan to provide officers with a better working environment and secure rooms to process and keep travelers’ information.

“Immigration officers are the face of South Sudan to people who arrive the country,” Ambassador Kiya said. He emphasized the importance of working ethics and integrity of immigration officers. Furthermore, he also addressed the importance for Government of South Sudan to continue to make efforts for sustainability of the ongoing activities supported by Japan and IOM, building on the past achievements. “Good performance by DNPI will be a pride of Japan,” concluded the Ambassador.

The current Immigration and Border Management (IBM) project, which is being implemented by IOM with the financial support of Government of Japan, started in March 2017 and will continue until March 2018. The project aims to support further efforts of Government of South Sudan to enhance border and migration management for preventing transnational organized crimes, including human trafficking and smuggling, and strengthen regional cooperation for free movement of people and goods based on East African Community protocol.

Past achievements of the support include construction of the Directorate of Nationality, Passports and Immigration (DNPI) training center in Juba; construction and rehabilitation of eight immigration offices located at main border crossing points; provision of immigration and patrolling equipment; and training of 1,237 law enforcement officers, including 1,210 immigration officers who work at airports, borders and other Immigration offices.

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