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## **Government of Japan Lays the Foundation for the New primary School in Ajong Thok in the Former Unity State**

On 14 February 2018, His Excellency Seiji Okada, the Ambassador of Japan to South Sudan, visited Jamjang and Pariang to meet Sudanese refugees and host communities. The purpose of the visit was to gain firsthand experience on the implementation of health and education projects implemented by UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, with Japanese funding.

After arrival to Ajong Thok in Unity area, Ambassador Okada participated in a ground-breaking ceremony for the new primary school which will be constructed this year.

During the monitoring and evaluation tour after the ceremony, UNHC briefed the delegation about the current situations of Pamir refugee camp and various challenges that Primary Health Care Center and Pariang State Hospital are facing.

“In today’s visit, I realized the importance of assistance toward not only refugees but also host communities accepting the refugees to stay in the area. We will continue to provide humanitarian and other form of assistance, but the stability of the area is one of the important preconditions for us to support activity, and we appreciate work of UNHCR in providing assistance to refugees in coordination with a local authority.” said Ambassador Okada.

Mr. Johann Siffointe, UNHCR South Sudan Representative, emphasized “The Government of Japan’s generous support has been critical in providing much-needed lifesaving support to children in need, especially those affected by conflict. We are grateful to the people of Japan for their continued support in benefit of the children in South Sudan.”

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