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Japan extends \$28 million assistance as additional funding for Nile River Bridge

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Juba – today, the Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of South Sudan signed Exchange of Notes related to the Project for Construction of Nile River Bridge. In the Exchange of Notes, it is agreed that the Government of Japan will extend approximately \$28 million as the additional funding to resume the project.

The Project for Construction of Nile River Bridge, commonly known as “Freedom Bridge”, started in 2013. Unfortunately, incidents in 2013 and 2016 forced staffs of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and other companies to evacuate from the country and made the construction delayed. With the additional funding, Japan will immediately resume the construction of the Bridge that is expected to complete around two years.

The Government of Japan appreciates the efforts by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan to keep the construction site intact since 2016 July. The Government of Japan believes that the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and other parties will continue to ensure the safety of Juba town, so that the Project will complete within the planned period. The Government of Japan will continue to support, in partnership with the international community, the efforts towards peace and stability in South Sudan.

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