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Japan Provides Assistance for a Water Supply Project in Cantonment Sites in South Sudan

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In order to support South Sudan in implementing the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS), the government of Japan decided to provide assistance for a water supply project to improve living conditions around cantonment sites. On October 2nd, the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was held at the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs in Juba. H.E. Seiji Okada, Ambassador of Japan, Hon. Martin Elia Lomuro, the Secretary of the National Pre-Transitional Committee (NPTC), and Ambassador Tesfaye Negassa Irena, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Juba Liaison Office attended the ceremony.

Ambassador Okada stated that South Sudan peace process has entered into a critical stage, cognizant that the parties have a responsibility to resolve the outstanding issues, especially cantonment, training, and the formation of a unified forces, which are the most pressing issues as the November 12th deadline for formation of the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity (RTGoNU) clocks nearer. The government and the people of Japan sincerely hope that South Sudan will restore peace and stability in the nearest future so that the people can enjoy the dividends of peace in a united, stable, and prosperous South Sudan. Therefore, Japan, together with other regional and international partners, is committed to expedite provision of critical assistance for the cantonment of forces and accelerate the implementation of R-ARCSS. Ambassador Okada also noted that these boreholes will also benefit the people in the neighboring communities.

Today, Japan, through IGAD, is signing the MoC for the provision of funding worth 350,000 USD for the construction of boreholes to supply water to cantonment sites across the country. Ambassador Okada urged all parties concerned to listen to the overwhelming suffering and cry of the South Sudanese people for peace and work together to implement R-ARCSS in letter and spirit, restoring hope and confidence in the people. He lauded the recent face-to-face meeting between the principals which attempted to resolve critical issues and commended the outcome by the two leaders wherein they committed to forming the RTGoNU by November 12th. Already some significant progress has also been noted in the peace implementation such



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as movement of forces to selected cantonment sites and barracks across the country and registration of forces altogether which are clear benchmarks that if the same momentum is kept will usher the needed peace.

On behalf of the Government of South Sudan and the NPTC, Hon. Martin Elia Lomuro extended the gratitude of H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit for the continuous assistance that Japan is providing for the implementation of R-ARCSS. Hon. Lomuro also extended gratitude on behalf of the NPTC to the government and the people of Japan on the agreement to strengthen the process of cantonment and training of forces. He underscored that the Government of South Sudan is ready to show its commitment to ensure transparency and accountability on use of funds.

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