

**New Year Greetings to South Sudanese friends
from Ambassador TSUTSUMI Naohiro
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Happy New Year! Shinnenn Omedeto Gozaimasu!

Last October, I presented my credentials to H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit. Since then, I have paid courtesy calls on First Vice President H.E. Dr. Riek Machar Teny-Dhurgon, four vice presidents and five ministers. Through these meetings, I felt that Japan is welcomed as a good friend of South Sudan. Undoubtedly, Japan will continue supporting South Sudan people's self-help effort to consolidate lasting peace and create foundation for building a prosperous country. I hope to see further cooperation in many areas between Japan and South Sudan this year. I also hope to celebrate the early establishment of the Revitalised Transitional Government of National Unity.

I wish you South Sudanese friends a more peaceful and fruitful year!