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**Japan provides computers to the National Transitional Committee (NTC) and Ministries  
to promote implementation of R-ARCSS during COVID-19 pandemic**

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The Government of Japan is providing computers for the National Transitional Committee (NTC) and ministries of South Sudan government in order to enhance their communication capacity such as video conference even under the COVID-19 pandemic. On 16 January, the signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was held in Juba. Mr. Mitsuhiro Toyama, Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan, Hon. Tut Gatluak, Chairperson of the NTC, Hon. Stephen Par Kuol, Minister of Peacebuilding and the Secretary of the NTC, and Ambassador Tesfaye Negassa Irena, Head of IGAD Liaison Office attended the ceremony.

In his remarks, Mr. Toyama noted that the computers will reinforce the coordination of R-ARCSS activities and help protect the stakeholders amid the daunting COVID-19 conditions by enabling video conferences.

In addition, Mr. Toyama briefed on the recent resumption of the Project for Construction of Nile River Bridge and the Project for the Improvement of Water Supply System of Juba in South Sudan. He also informed of Japan's new assistance package to South Sudan that totals approximately 15 million US dollars.

Japan, with other international partners, and particularly as a member of the IGAD Partners Forum (IPF), has been committed to South Sudan's peace process from the very beginning of the revitalized process in 2017. Japan also supported the National Dialogue recognizing it as a complementary process to R-ARCSS.

Japan's support to the peace process in partnership with IGAD amounts to over 4 million US dollars. Japan, through IGAD, implemented projects such as provision of 1 million US dollars to the NPTC for the implementation of R-ARCSS in February 2019, which was utilized to purchase flight tickets for the officials traveling to attend security mechanisms meetings, construction of 13 boreholes at cantonment and training sites, and in-kind assistance equivalent to 4 million US dollars to training sites in January 2020. The in-kind assistance included essential supplies for the forces at training sites such as 1,800 tents, 15,000 blankets, 20,000 water containers, 6,000 plastic sheets, and 15,000 sleeping mats.

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