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Handover of Vegetable Dryers in Khartoum, Kassala and River Nile States

The Government of Japan has provided 20 vegetable dryers through the grant assistance for “Economic and Social Development Programme” to help small scale farmers in Kassala and River Nile States as well as to the Horticultural Nursery Department and Research Centers in Khartoum State. The handover was completed on the 5th July 2018. A ceremony was held on that occasion at the Horticultural Research Center in Khartoum and was attended by H.E. Shinji Urabayashi, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of the Sudan, Dr. Badr Eldin Elsheikh, Undersecretary Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forests and Dr. Omer Abdelwahab, Minister of Agriculture-Khartoum State

A vegetable dryer is a food processing machine which can produce dried vegetable, dried fruits and its powders. For 2 years, a Japanese company called TAIKISANGYO CO.,LTD and JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) experts have had a good record of working with the Ministry of Agriculture in introducing this equipment in Sudan to test its feasibility

At the handover ceremony, Ambassador Urabayashi said, “Today’s project was promised between Foreign Ministers of Japan and Sudan at TICAD 6 in Nairobi, Kenya in August 2015. I am very pleased that, this project was implemented with this kind of cooperation between Japan and Sudan. I sincerely hope that this project can help in the economic development of farmers and their communities as well as introducing more business opportunity to Sudan’s agriculture.

On the other hand, Dr. Badr Eldin Elsheikh, Undersecretary Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forest has conveyed his deep appreciation for the Japanese grant, and stressed on the importance of these machines to develop the dry food industry and adding value to the vegetables produced. Dr. Elsheikh expressed his hopes that this project will further strengthen the distinguished relations between Sudan and Japan

As Sudan enjoys vast fertile lands and rich water resources, this country has a great potential for agriculture development. Agriculture is considered as one of the most promising economic fields and the Government of Sudan has been implementing a number of strategic policies for the improvement of this sector with clear objectives. It is hoped that this project will contribute to the better livelihoods of many Sudanese farmers.

