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**Vice President Dr. Al-Haj Adam Youssif, Ambassador of Japan and JICA Chief Representative**  
**Attended Opening Ceremony of Water Supply Project in Kassala**

On 30<sup>th</sup> of October, H.E. Dr. Al-Haj Adam Youssif, Vice President of the Republic of the Sudan, H.E. Mr. Ryoichi Horie, Ambassador of Japan to Sudan, and Mr. Hiroyuki Mori, JICA Chief Representative visited Kassala to attend the opening ceremony of the “Kassala East and West Water Treatment Plants” totaling 13 million USD which was granted by the Government of Japan.

This project supports rehabilitation of two water treatment plants (Garb and Mahta) in Kassala, including receiving well, reservoirs and distribution pump. Meeting basic human needs and promoting capacity building is a part of Japan’s focuses in its development assistant to Sudan. In this regard, Japan has been supporting the improved access to water supply through both rehabilitation and expansion of existing water treatment plants and providing technical assistance in the human resource development. The Government of Sudan is expected to utilize this project in effective and efficient manner so that the people in Sudan enjoy the benefit of the improved water infrastructure.

During the ceremony, Vice President Dr. Al-Haj Adam Youssif praised the Japanese assistance by saying that such projects contribute to the development of Kassala and its economy and society, hoping that the Japanese developmental projects will continue in the conflict affected areas. He affirmed that this project is a strong step towards covering 100% of the water needs in Kassala and neighboring areas as well. He regarded the project as another good example of the deeply rooted and progressive Sudanese-Japanese ties in a way that serves the interests of the people in both countries.

In response, Ambassador Horie appreciated the sincere efforts exerted by the Japanese and Sudanese experts and workers in this project, stating that these efforts will help 100,000 residents to access clean water. He said that Kassala and other eastern regions deserve to enjoy dividends of the peace agreement; therefore, Japan had launched several projects hand in hand with Sudanese counterparts. He asserted “I am greatly delighted that one of the largest grant projects of Japan was implemented here in Kassala. Through this project, I hope that the reconstruction of Eastern Sudan will progress steadily and regional development and investment will accelerate”.

Japan recognizes Sudan as one of the most important countries for the peace and stability in Africa and the whole world and Japan has committed itself to support Sudan, not only through international organizations but also more actively through bilateral development assistance. Japan has been committed to accelerating consolidation of the peace and assisting improvement of basic human needs in Sudan and its assistances to Sudan since 2005 amounts to over 1.1 billion US dollars.

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Opening Ceremony of Japan's Kassala Water Treatment Plant



Vice President with Japanese Ambassador,  
Environment Minister and Governor of Kassala



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