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Ambassador of Japan Attends Rice Field Day in Gezira State

H.E. Mr. Ryoichi Horie, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of the Sudan, H.E. Prof. El Zubair Bashir Taha, Governor of Gezira State and other high rank officials and farmers working with JICA attended the Rice Field Day Ceremony in Gezira State and celebrated upland rice harvest on the 6th November, 2013.

The agricultural sector is considered as one of the most promising economic sectors that can replace the oil sector, and the Government of Sudan has been implementing a number of strategic policies for the improvement of this sector with clear objectives. Sudan enjoys all aspects for an outstanding agricultural sector including vast fertile lands, rich water resources, and highly educated and trained human resources. Sudan has a great potential for development, especially in Gezira State which could become the food basket of Sudan and other neighboring countries.

Among various agricultural products in the state, rice has become one of the most important strategic crops for Sudan's export to the neighboring countries. Therefore, based on Japanese experience of rice production and its support to other African countries in this field, JICA has been implementing a "Capacity Building Project for Agricultural Revival" working with its Sudanese counterpart for the promotion of upland rice cultivation and implementation of the demonstration farms in Gezira and White Nile States since 2010 along with the strategy of the Sudanese Government. In 2012, this project has expanded to Sinnar, Gadaref, River Nile and Northern State.

During the celebration, Ambassador Horie appreciated the sincere efforts exerted by the Japanese experts and Sudanese farmers in the project, stating that these efforts will help Sudan to realize food security as well as economic and social development. He said that Gezira State has the ability to bridge gaps from any crop; therefore, Japan had launched several projects hand in hand with Sudanese counterparts. He asserted "I felt the passion of the farmers over the implementation of the project. I was informed that their active engagement to learn the cultivation techniques by working in the rice field everyday with JICA experts was the driving force of today's positive outcomes".

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.

Japanese Ambassador and Governor of Gezira Attending Rice Field Day at Gezira State



Japanese Ambassador with Governor of Gezira



Japanese Ambassador, Governor of Gezira, JICA Chief



New Rice Seeds Exhibition



Japanese Ambassador and Governor of Gezira at Rice Field Day



Japanese Ambassador and Governor of Gezira at Rice Field Day



Japanese Ambassador and Governor of Gezira at Agricultural Fields of Gezira Scheme