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### **Japanese Ambassador Attends the Opening Ceremony of the Northern State Water Corporation Training Center**

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, H.E. Mr. Ryoichi Horie, Ambassador of Japan to Sudan attended “the Opening Ceremony of Training Center and the Handover Ceremony of Equipment” held at Northern State Water Corporation (SWC) in Dongola. H.E. Mr. Ali Hassan, Minister of Physical Planning and Public Utilities, H.E. Mr. Adel Gafar Ebrahim Arbab, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Resources, Fisheries and Irrigation, Mr. Hiroyuki Mori, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and other dignitaries attended the Ceremony to affirm their strong commitment for ensuring clean water supply in Sudan.

At the opening ceremony, Ambassador Horie said that Japan has committed itself to support Sudan, not only through multilateral humanitarian assistance but also more actively through bilateral development assistance, notably through JICA. Ambassador stressed the important role of Northern State and huge potentials of Sudan in general, which enjoys vast fertile lands, rich water resources and highly educated and trained human resources that will surely contribute to achieve a further economic growth especially in the agricultural field. Ambassador Horie also underlined that Japan would continue its assistance for the stability in Sudan as “a Friend and an Equal Partner”.

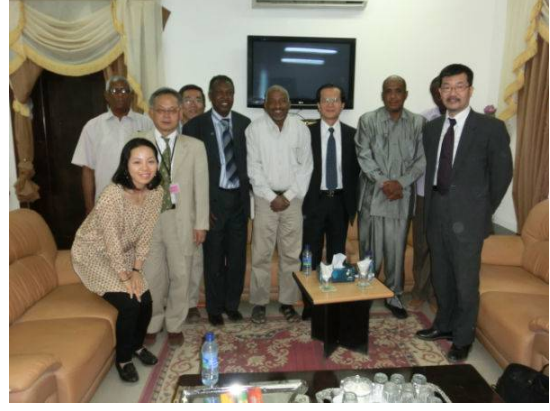
On the occasion of the handover ceremony, computers, a projector and other related electric devices were provided to SWC, which will serve better project implementation and is regarded another evident manifestation of the firm friendship between the people and the Government of Japan and Sudan.

Prior to the ceremony, Ambassador Horie met H.E. Mr. Ibrahim El-Khidir, Acting Governor of Northern State and H.E. Mr. Ali Hassan, Minister of Physical Planning and Public Utilities of Northern State respectively to discuss the way of further strengthening the relations between the Government of Japan and Northern State.

Ambassador Horie also took part in a site visit of two previous Japanese water projects in Dongola and paid an official visit to Karima and Merowe Dam in which Ambassador was enormously welcomed by the public along with the Commissioner of Merowe locality, Mr. Abdulkarim Adulrahman Muhammed Ahmed.



Ambassador with H.E. Mr. Ali Hassan



At Minister's Office



Ambassador with H.E. Mr. Ibrahim El-Khidir



At Governor's Office



Opening and Handover Ceremony



Site visit at Northern State Water Cooperation



Ambassador and Commissioner of Merowe Locality



Interview at Merowe Dam