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**Japanese Embassy celebrates the 80th birthday of
His Majesty the Emperor of Japan Akihito**

H.E. Mr. Ryoichi Horie, the Ambassador of Japan to Sudan, hosted a reception on the 4th of December at his residence on the occasion of Japanese National Day, which celebrates the 80th birthday of His Majesty the Emperor Akihito. The reception was attended by H.E. Dr. Issa Bashari Muhammed, Minister of Science and Communications, as a representative of the Government of Sudan, H.E. Dr. Hassan Abdel-Gader Hilal, Minister of Environment, Forest and Urban Development, H.E. Mr. Idriss Mohammed Abdel-Gader, State Minister of the Presidency and H.E. Dr. Al-Juzouly Dafaallah, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Sudan as well as a number of distinguished guests.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Horie said that he has visited 12 states since arriving in Sudan in May 2012 to follow up the projects funded by the Government of Japan and to hold dialogues with the state governors and local residents on how to strengthen Japan-Sudan relationship. He affirmed that Japan will continue assisting Sudan as a friend and an equal partner and is willing to cooperate with the Sudanese people for the sake of this country's peace, stability and development. He stressed that he recently started talks over a waste disposal management project in Sudan. He said "under the slogan of "Beautiful Sudan, Beautiful Khartoum", I am determined to cooperate with my Sudanese counterparts to eventually make the city of Khartoum the most beautiful and tidiest city not only in Sudan but also in Africa." In the field of cultural activities, he noted "Japan has obtained the honor to host the 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo. I strongly hope that Sudan will field wrestlers and other athletes to participate in the Tokyo Olympic Games and win gold medals".

As a representative of the Government of Sudan, H.E. Dr. Issa Bashari Muhammed, Minister of Science and Communication, has conveyed the congratulations and blessings of H.E. President of the Republic, Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir, to His Majesty the Emperor Akihito and the Government and people of Japan. He said that bilateral relations between Sudan and Japan are deeply rooted and have been dramatically multilayered recently. He praised Japan for supporting Sudan in the different sectors especially in the development sector. He thanked Japan for its continuous assistance that aims at realizing the aspirations of the people and the nation's peace, stability and development.

Japan and Sudan have been enjoying friendly and cooperative relations since the establishment of the diplomatic relations in 1956. Japan recognizes Sudan as one of the most important countries for achieving 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 National Day Reception at Ambassador Residence



Ambassador of Japan with Dr. Issa Bashari Muhammed, Minister of Science and Communication (Chief Guest)

