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JAPAN CONTRIBUTES US\$3.06 MILLION IN FOOD ASSISTANCE TO HELP VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN SUDAN

On August 20, the Government of Japan and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) signed a new agreement in Rome for food assistance totalling 300 million Japanese Yen (equivalent to US\$3.06 million) in response to food shortage and malnutrition in Sudan.

H.E. Mr. Ryoichi Horie, Ambassador of Japan in Sudan said “Japan regards Sudan as one of the most important countries for achieving peace and stability in Africa and the world. Thus, it is of utmost importance that necessary amount of food should be promptly distributed to vulnerable people and enable them to lead a stable life”.

Ambassador Horie also underlined that Japan launched last year the Project for “Upgrading Food Production Infrastructure” (worth US\$39 million) as a grant aid project in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to support agricultural development and to contribute to poverty reduction and food security in Sudan.

The Japanese Ambassador finalized his remarks by expressing his heartfelt condolence and deepest sympathy to those who have suffered from the serious floods disaster. He sincerely hoped that this food assistance would improve the lives of the Sudanese people including those flood victims and contribute to achieve peace and stability in Sudan.

The Government of Japan has made a long-standing commitment to support vulnerable people in Sudan through various intensive projects such as food assistance, agricultural development and capacity building. Japan will keep moving forward hand-in-hand partnering with the People and the Government of Sudan to accelerate social and economic development in Sudan.

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