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**Japanese Ambassador Hosts the First Japan-Sudan Economic Cooperation Seminar
and bid Farewell to Mr. H. Mori, JICA Resident Representative and Welcome Mr. S. Koike**

For the purpose of deepening the understanding of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) and enhancing collaboration with the stakeholders of Japanese funded projects in Sudan, H.E. Mr. Ryoichi Horie, the Ambassador of Japan to Sudan, hosted the First Japan-Sudan Economic Cooperation Seminar, on 26th March 2014, at his Residence.

In the opening speech of the seminar, Ambassador HORIE said that "As a friend and an equal partner of Sudan, Japan has undertaken a firm commitment to support development of this country, and will continue its efforts to assist the people who devote themselves to tackle the various challenges Sudan faces. This is because we believe that the peace, stability, and development of Sudan will contribute to the achievement of peace and stability in Africa, and the whole world. Japan's strong commitment to Sudan is demonstrated by its continuous provision of Official Development Assistance (ODA) through bilateral and multilateral channels. Therefore, I sincerely hope that today's gathering will serve to further strengthen mutual relations and friendship between the stakeholders such as Government of Sudan, the UN Agencies, NGOs and Representative from various communities."

In this seminar, Ambassador Horie commended Mr. Hiroyuki Mori's leadership and tireless efforts exerted in Sudan as Resident Representative of JICA Office in Sudan and welcomed Mr. Seiichi Koike, successor of Mr. Mori.

The seminar was attended by H.E. Dr. Hassan Abdelgadir Hilal, Minister of Environment, Forestry & Urban Development and H.E. Mr. Abdalla Mohamed Osman Mohieldin, Minister of Agriculture in Gezira State as a representative of Gezeria Governor. Also representatives of UN Agencies in Sudan including WHO, WFP, UNICEF, UNAMID, UNOCHA, UNIDO, UNFPA, UNOPS, UNMAS, UN WOMEN and number of senior Sudanese officials from the Federal and State Governments as well as 3 Japanese NGOs, participated in the seminar.

Japan continuously provides ODA, which amounts over US\$ 1.2 billion since 2005 to Sudan. This includes 56 General Grant Aid Projects, 53 Grant Aid for Grassroots and Human Security Projects (GGP), Technical Assistance, dispatch of more than 600 Japanese experts and 23 Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) and acceptance of around 1,450 Sudanese trainees in Japan.

Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) Seminar on 26th March, 2014
 (Farewell to Mr. Hiroyuki Mori, Former JICA Chief & Welcome to Mr. Seiichi Koike, New JICA Chief in Sudan)



Mr. Mori, Minister Hilal, Ambassador, Mr. Koike New JICA Chief



Seminar at Ambassador Residence



Mr. Seiichi Koike, New JICA Chief Representative



ODA Seminar Screenings



Mr. Mori and Minister Hilal, Gift from Eng. Siddig, Khartoum Deputy Wali



Mr. Mori, Minister Hilal, Mr. Gamal, Director of Ministry of Finance, Kassala