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Japan Contributes Over USD 440,000 to the Construction of Primary Schools in White Nile and Kassala,

The Grant Contract Signing Ceremony of two new projects in the states of White Nile and Kassala funded by the Government of Japan was held at the Japanese Ambassador's residence on the 24th of February, 2014. The two projects, totaling USD 441,133 are funded through the official Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)* scheme. These grants will be used for the purpose of construction of primary schools.

Mentioned below are the two projects of which Grant Contracts were signed:

“The Project for Construction of Primary School at Al-Nizaiha Village, Al-Gitaina Locality, White Nile State”,

Alnazaiha Primary School in Al-Gitaina locality is a small school: with no buildings of its own, lessons and classes take place in the local *khalwa*. While the school has made great progress in reducing the illiteracy rate in the area; giving the school greater resources and providing a more suitable learning environment for its students, will no doubt have a significant positive impact. The project seeks to promote education for seven villages in Al-Gitaina locality by constructing 10 classrooms, offices and other buildings at a cost exceeding USD 230,000. This will enhance the learning environment for the over 370 students currently enrolled, which will in turn boost enrollment and lower dropout rates, giving the local community and their children better prospects for the future.

“The Project for Construction of Two Primary Schools in Al-Khatmia, Kassala city, Kassala State.”,

The grant which exceeds USD 209,000 targets two schools: AbdelRadi Boys School and Mohamed Kheir Elmamoun Girl's School, with the aim of improving the educational environment for over 1080 students, by constructing eight classrooms, four offices, other buildings and a water line to Kassala's main water network. The grant will also coincide with an initiative by Plan Sudan to train 80 local teachers in order to improve their ability to provide education.

The Signing of the Grant Contracts took place with Ambassador Horie signing on behalf of Japan and Mr. Maddani Abbas Maddani signing for Nidaa Organization and Mr. Manoj Kumar signing on behalf of Plan Sudan Organization. The signings were witnessed by H.E. Ambassador Idris Mohamed Abdel Gadir, Mr. Ali Adam Hassan, the Director General for Organizations/JPC at HAC, H.E. Professor AlSheikh Humedi Alfaki, White Nile State Minister of Education, and Mr. Hassan Sherref, Commissioner of Kassala Locality.

The Government of Japan has also been supporting the improved access to water supply, in both Kassala and White Nile, through providing technical assistance in human resource development. Kassala and White Nile have also seen deep cooperation from Japan in the field of vocational training and agricultural revival, respectively. The two projects formalized today are additions to the assistance which the Government of Japan has continuously provided to the two states.

At the signing ceremony, Ambassador Horie reiterated that Japan regards Sudan as one of the most important countries for achieving peace and stability in Africa and the rest of the world, and Japan commits itself to devote its utmost efforts to cooperate with Sudan in tackling its various social and economic issues. Ambassador Horie stated that the Government of Japan considers education as an essential sector for promoting the development of Sudan.

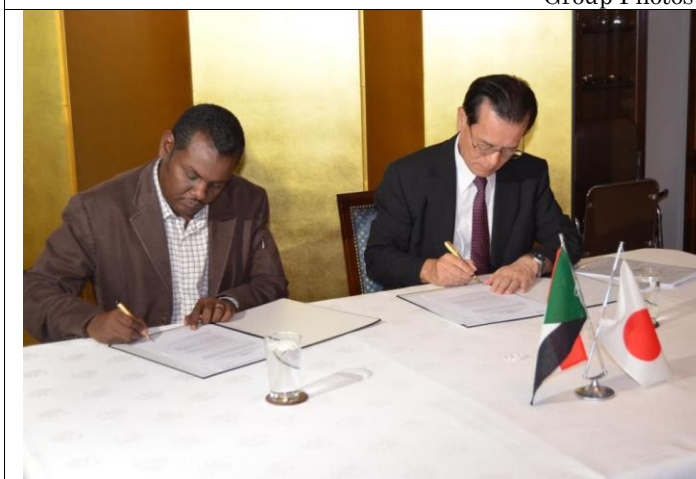
*Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects (GGP)** is designed particularly to support the community-level socio-economic projects that address Basic Human Needs (BHN) such as access to health, water and sanitation, education, skills development, and other means to maximize opportunities for individuals. GGP's approach reflects the Government of Japan's strong commitment to uphold the notion of '*Human Security*' as basic human rights for all.

All individuals, in particular vulnerable people, are entitled to freedom from fear and freedom from want, with an equal opportunity to enjoy all their rights and fully develop their human potential. By directly supporting the projects implemented by grassroots organizations, GGP encourages bottom-up efforts by the local communities, and realizes their empowerment.

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(24th February, 2014 at Ambassador Residence)



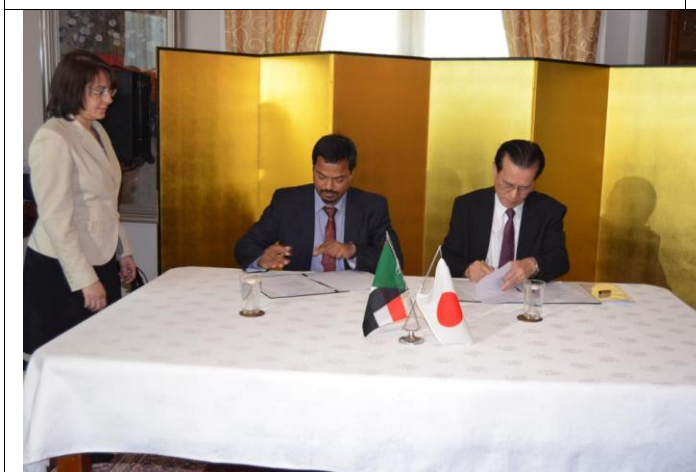
Group Photos of Attendees



Ambassador and Mr. Madani, President NIDAA



Ambassador with Prof Al-Sheikh Al-Faki, Minister of Education in White Nile State and other stakeholders



Ambassador and Mr. Kumar, General Manager of "Plan Sudan"



Ambassador with Mr. Hassan Sherif, Kassala Commissioner and other stakeholders