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**Japan extended JPY 110 million grant aid
(equivalent of USD 927,000)
for Conflict Prevention and Peace-Building in Nigeria**

The Government of Japan has decided to extend Conflict Prevention and Peace-building Grant Aid of JPY 110 million (USD 0.927 million equivalent) to the United Nations (UN) through the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for two projects: “Capacity Building for Effective Prosecution of Terrorism Offenses” and “Support to the Fight against Trafficking in Persons in Nigeria.” The Exchange of Notes (E/N) between H.E. Mr. Ryuichi SHOJI, the Ambassador of Japan to Nigeria, and Mr. Aldo LALE-DEMOZ, Deputy Executive Director and Director of the Division for Operations of UNODC, took place at the Grant Signing Ceremony for the two projects on 3 February 2015. Details of the two projects are as follows:

Total Amount to Be Extended	JPY 110 million (equivalent of USD 927,000) * Exchange Rate: USD 1 = JPY 118.67
Implementing Partners	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
Project Summary	<p>“Capacity Building for Effective Prosecution of Terrorism Offenses in Nigeria” To support Nigeria in preventing terrorism and bringing terrorists to justice. (JPY 55 million)</p> <p>“Support to the Fight against Trafficking in Persons in Nigeria” To strengthen criminal justice response to trafficking in persons in Nigeria. (JPY 55 million)</p>

These projects are expected to contribute to increased capacity to guide and undertake effective investigation and prosecution of trafficking in persons and terrorism-related cases in conformity with the rule of law and human rights.

The Government of Japan renews its determination to continue to cooperate with the people and Government of Nigeria as well as the international community to eliminate acts of terrorism and human trafficking, and to contribute to the peace and security of the region.

<Signing Ceremony/Exchange of Notes (E/N) >

Venue: SMT Meeting Room, UNDP, Anambra House,
19, T.Y. Danjuma Street, Asokoro, Abuja.
Date: Tuesday, 3 February 2015
Time: 10:00am

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