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WELCOME REMARKS BY HON. GARANG DIING AKUANG, MINISTER FOR COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND INVESTMENT AT THE INVESTMENT SEMINAR HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER 2011 AT NEW SUDAN HOTEL, JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN.

The Guest of Honour, Hon. Deng Alor, Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Republic of South Sudan.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of South Sudan, Hon Nhial Deng Nhial.

H.E Mr. Ryuji Yamane, the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Government of Japan,

My Colleagues, Honourable Ministers in the Government of the Republic of South Sudan.

H.E. Ambassador Wada, the Ambassador of Japan.

Our distinguished Delegates and Investors from Japan.

Members of the business community (both local and International).

Senior Government officials present

All Protocols observed.

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to this auspicious occasion. I take this opportunity to thank you all for finding time to attend this seminar and for showing an interest to invest in South Sudan.

South Sudan is not only the newest Nation in the world, but also the World's Newest investment Destination. This seminar aims at show casing the investment

Opportunities available in this beautiful young Nation, detailing the numerous investment potential in the key priority sectors. These include;

- Agriculture
- Infrastructure Development
- Manufacturing and services
- Petroleum, energy and mining
- Tourism

The Government has made it a priority to provide an enabling environment for doing business in South Sudan. In the course of this seminar you will be shown the deliberate steps taken by the Government of South Sudan to ease doing business in South Sudan. These include policy, legislative and institutional framework. As you will note, many of them have been enacted and the rest are in the process of enactment.

As we embark on the long journey of building South Sudan, as Government, we recognize and appreciate the role played by our investors (both local and International) and partners. To this end, we welcome this high powered delegation from Japan, and I am sure this visit is the beginning of cementing stronger economic ties between Japan and South Sudan. Japan is a major player in the global economy and our continued partnership will be of mutual benefit.

Finally, I urge you to embrace South Sudan as your Newest Investment Destination. During your visit here in South Sudan, please feel at home and enjoy our hospitality. Please also find time to see and enjoy our beautiful and eye catching natural surrounding for example the world famous River Nile.

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We have invited our budding private sector. They are here with you. We are looking forward to you to partner with them and help us grow a strong and vibrant private sector in South Sudan. We are aiming to be next to none in the region. With our private sector friendly policies coupled with our resources we will be the leader in region. Please join us now. The One Stop Shop is open for your first investment. You are welcome.

Once again, I wish to thank you all for gracing this Seminar with your presence.

Thank you.