20 S. Sudanese to benefit from professional training from Japan

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20 South Sudanese are expected to benefit from junior to mid-carrier level professional training in both public sector and civil society organization in project development, implementation and leadership skills.

This was revealed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin during the launch of the programme by United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) yesterday at Regency Hotel. The program was supported by the Japanese Government in collaboration with UNDP.

During the event, Dr. Barnaba praised the program for its inclusivity as 15 participants were selected from different ministries, 4 from civil society Organization and one person is from Juba City Council.

"The selection for the training was perfect because different trainees will go back to their places of work and would be able to impart and change our government through the knowledge they are going to acquire," he stated.

He said the training comes at an important time for South Sudanese to learn better skills of development from the Japanese because the country was one time destroyed by atomic bomb and managed to rebuild and become the second most industrialized country in the world.

The minister was also pleased with the present of gender balance in the training. According to him without educating women, South Sudan is more like a nation without future. He called for the commitment of the trainees in order for the country benefit from them.

The ambassador of Japan to South Sudan Masahiko Kiyama, on his part said there is hope that this training program will bring a good opportunity for many young South Sudanese to follow lead in developing South Sudan as Hiroshima in Japan.

"This training is going to prepare the trainees to develop some projects that addresses contemporary issues in South Sudan and will serve as action plan for implementation upon completion of the program," he reiterated.

Masahiko said this program will be done in three workshops. Two will be done in Juba and one will be in Japan.

Cabinet members of National Youth Union resign

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The Deputy speaker and the Rapporteur of the National Youth Union resigns from their positions accusing the speaker of taking unilateral decision on behalf of the councilors.

While extending their resignation to The Stance, Latio Paul Abbas deputy speaker and Kerubino Monthow the explained that they are discouraged by what is happening in the Union which promotes, disrespect and corruption in the name of the youth.

"We quit to ease ourselves from always thinking about the need to set standards for youth institution which strive to promote unity in diversity among the youth of the Republic of South Sudan," they said.

The primary objective of the Youth Union is to unite the youth towards meeting national goals and realization of viable contribution that put youth in the excellence for national image.

"Our resignation is in light with exactly the constitutional interpretation on the petition of the Executive Members because we know that it will be difficult to transform the National Youth Union under your leadership where you (the speaker) of the union take unilateral decisions upon yourself on behalf of the councilors," they added.

The work of the union is to promote transparency, dignity, respect for political leaders and national sovereignty as per the reference of the council leadership meeting.

They added that their resignation is not on personal differences but is based on the observations they make in the last seven months of service in the Union.

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