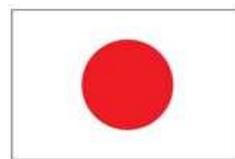


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Japan supports the Electoral Cycle of Central African Republic (CAR)

The Government of Japan mobilises 550,000 USD for the Electoral Cycle of CAR through United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in CAR and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Cameroon. This contribution is to promote the participation of Central African population in CAR and refugees in Cameroon in the elections.

In CAR, this assistance will be used, through the Basket Fund managed by UNDP, for civic and electoral education, reinforcement of capacity of National Electoral Authority (NEA) of the Transitional Constitutional Court, technical support to Communication High Authority and training for journalists in the framework of the Project of Support to Electoral Cycle of Central African Republic (PACEC).

In Cameroon, UNHCR will facilitate the participation of CAR refugees in Cameroon to the Presidential elections process and will collaborate with the Government of Cameroon that will put in place security measures to prevent any violence or intimidation and ensure refugee voters participate freely to the process in a safe and secured environment.

« Central African people go through the difficult situation at present and CAR is in the turning point to decide the future of the country. The participation of the citizens and the refugees in the elections is crucial for the foundation of Central African democracy. The realisation of peaceful election will contribute to stability and social and economic development of the country. This is the reason why Japan decides to support the elections for brilliant future of Central African.» said H.E.Mr. Kunio Okamura, Ambassador of Japan.

The Government of Japan also finances humanitarian assistance concerning internal displaced people, refugees and affected people by CAR conflict through international organisations.

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