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Subject: PBSO-DPA-DFS-DPKO Brownbag discussion on Challenges of the Peace Process in South Sudan: International Mediation Efforts and Regional Protection Forces with Dr. Daisaku Higashi, Associate Professor at Sophia University in Tokyo, on Friday, 4 November 2016, 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. in Room S-2722BR

The Peacebuilding Support Office, the Department of Political Affairs, the Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations are pleased to invite you to a
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Feel free to share the invitation with colleagues.

Daisaku Higashi will share the key findings of his field research in August 2016 on the challenges of the peace process in South Sudan, focusing on international mediation efforts and the deployment of UN regional protection forces. He recently conducted various interviews in the field with key officials in the African Union and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), and the United Nations.

Dr. Daisaku Higashi is currently an associate professor at Sophia University in Tokyo. From 1993 to 2004 he worked for NHK, Japan Public TV station as a program director and produced numerous TV documentaries, including "Rebuilding Iraq: Challenges of the United Nations," which received the silver medal from the UN Correspondents Association in 2004. He completed his MA and PhD in political sciences at the University of British Columbia in Canada. He consulted on Afghan policies with government officials in Japan and the United States. His recommendation to create a new reconciliation mechanism in Afghanistan was adopted by the Japanese government in its Afghan strategy announced in November 2009. He then worked for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) from December 2009 to December 2010 as a team leader for reconciliation and reintegration. In January 2011, he started working for the University of Tokyo as an associate professor. He also served as a Minister-Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN from August 2012 to August 2014, with the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) in his portfolio. He returned to the University of Tokyo in August 2014. He transferred to the Center for Global Education at Sophia University in April 2016. His publications include *Challenges of Constructing Legitimacy in Peacebuilding* (Routledge 2015), *Peacebuilding* (Heiwa Kouchiku) (Iwanami Press 2009), *Why did we go to the war: dialogue of former enemies in the Vietnam War* (Heibonsha Library 2010).