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Japanese Ambassador Celebrated Conferring of a Japanese decoration upon Mr. Bouakham SISOULATH, Governor of Savan-Seno Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZA)

On 8 February, 2016, H.E. Mr. Takeshi Hikihara, Ambassador of Japan to the Lao PDR, hosted a reception to celebrate the conferment of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, on Mr. Bouakham Sisoulath, Governor of the Savan-Seno Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZA), in recognition of his significant contribution to the enhancement and promotion of economic relations and mutual understanding between Japan and the Lao PDR. The reception was attended by H.E. Dr. Kikeo Chanthabouly, Vice minister of Planning and Investment, Mr. Bouakham's family, friends, and businessmen from Japanese companies.

At the ceremony, the Ambassador congratulated Mr. Bouakham on the conferring of the decoration for the role he has played in various fields, especially in promoting investment by Japanese companies in Laos. Ambassador Hikihara said in his remarks, "He has made three major contributions in particular: his promotion of investment in SEZA, his facilitation of joint dialogue between the Lao and Japanese private and public sectors, and his overall contribution as a Japanese alumnus of Laos. I very much hope that the encouragement of this decoration will inspire him to carry out his important duties with even greater enthusiasm and to further contribute to strengthen the friendship of cooperation between Japan and the Lao PDR.

Mr. Bouakham SISOULATH was born in Savannakhet Province in 1950. After he graduated from Utsunomiya University in Japan with a bachelor's degree, he worked as an official in Savannakhet Province for more than 20 years and was appointed Governor of SEZA in 2006.

He is also a member of the Japanese Alumni of Laos (JAOL) and has promoted the relationship between Japan and Laos through his involvement in various exchange programs.

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