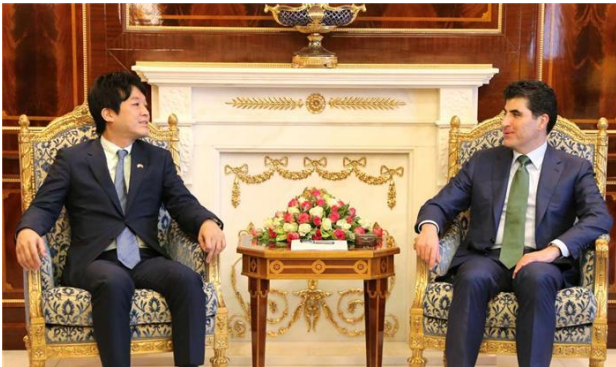


Parliamentary Vice-Minister Sonoura's visit Erbil

Kentaro Sonouura, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, visited Erbil on 15 March, 2015, after his recent visit to Baghdad and Basra last month. Mr. Sonoura reiterated to the Kurdistan Regional Government Japan's unwavering commitment to provide support to Iraq and the Middle East countries that are at the front line of fight against terrorism and to continue non-military contributions in the areas of humanitarian assistance and national reconstruction, despite the tragic murder of two Japanese nationals last year in Syria. During his stay in Erbil, Mr. Sonoura held meetings with H.E. Mr. Nechirvan Barzani, Prime Minister of the Kurdistan Regional Government, and H.E. Mr. Farah Mustafa, Head of the Department of Foreign Relations. In addition, he visited Baharka IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) Camp to hand over food packages to IDPs in the presence of Mr. Nawzad Hadi, Governor of the Erbil Governorate, and the Heads of WFP and UNICEF Iraq Offices. He also attended Japanese film screening for children in the Camp.



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