

## Signing Ceremony concerning Japanese Government Contribution to Restoration of Lake Uromyeh

The signing ceremony of the Project Document concerning the Japanese Government contribution to restoration of Lake Uromyeh was held at the headquarters of Department of Environment (DOE) in Tehran on May 5, 2014.

Due to the critical situation of Lake Uromiyeh, and based on results of the summit meeting between Japan and Iran in New York, last September, followed by the foreign ministerial meeting between Japan and Iran in Tehran, last November, the Japanese government has decided to donate 1 million dollars to the UNDP project on the restoration of Lake Uromiyeh. This time H.E. Dr. Ebtakar, Vice President and Head of DOE and Mr. Lewis, UNDP Resident Representative in Iran signed the Project Document.

The Japanese government has been supporting the Iranian government in environmental fields, such as conservation of wetlands, through JICA. This April, H.E. Dr. Ebtakar and H.E. Mr. Ishihara, Japanese Environment Minister, signed a Memorandum on Cooperation in the field of environment in Tokyo, by which the two countries strengthened their good relations and friendly ties.

Mr. Akira CHIBA, Charge D'Affairs of the Embassy of Japan, took part in the signing ceremony and delivered a speech.



Mr. CHIBA, delivering speech



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