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PRESS RELEASE

Grant Signing Ceremony for GGP Project in Palestine Funded by Japan

The Project for Expansion of Drainage System for Flood Protection in Zababdeh

Today, January 28, 2016, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, signed a Grant Contract for the **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)** with Mr. Sami Ibrahim, Mayor of Zababdeh, at the Representative Office of Japan in Ramallah for a total amount of $90,495.

Zababdeh Municipality, located in Jenin governorate in the northern West Bank, will use the grant to expand the drainage network in the area where it's underdeveloped. This project's objective is to improve flood control and drainage facilities for 1,900 residents (350 households) in Zababdeh village by adding 330 meters of concrete pipes to expand the drainage network.

In his speech, Mr. Okubo emphasized on Japan's firm commitment to enhancing the human security of Palestinians as well as on implementing the socioeconomic developmental projects that will lead to the empowerment of the Palestinian communities.

Since 1993 the Government of Japan has extended its official development assistance to approximately $1.6 billion, to the Palestinians. GGP projects have been formulated in collaboration with the Palestinian Authority through Ministry of Finance and Planning since 2010.

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Ambassador Okubo with Mr. Sami Ibrahim during the signing ceremony at the Representative office