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Grant Signing Ceremony for Two GGP Projects in Palestine Funded by Japan

Grant Contracts for two **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)** were signed today by Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, and representatives from Anabta and Deir al Ghusun Municipalities at the Representative Office of Japan in Ramallah for a total amount of US$ 158,558.

Anabta Municipality received a grant of US$ 90,550 for the rehabilitation of the water network in the village. This project's objective is to improve tap water supply and to enhance the water quantity and quality for 1,800 residents in Anabta village by replacing old pipelines with new ones. Moreover, improving the water leakage issue will be beneficial for the community as a whole.

The US$ 68,008 granted for Deir al Ghusun Municipality will be used to ensure safe electrical supply for the residents by replacing 4,100m of the old naked wires and 43 damaged electrical poles. The direct beneficiaries are estimated to total 2,700 residents.

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. (END)

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Ambassador Okubo with 'Anabta Mayor during the Signing Ceremony

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Ambassador Okubo with Deir al Ghusun Municipality during the Signing Ceremony