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PRESS RELEASE

Completion of a Project for Improving the Lavatory Facilities in 3 Schools in Hebron, Funded by Japan

Today, April 28, 2016, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, visited Halhul city in Hebron Governorate to celebrate the completion of a project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).**

The grant of US $101,751 extended to PHG (Palestinian Hydrology Group) was utilized for the construction of the lavatory facilities at two schools, Al Huda Girls' School in Yatta and Al Sakhra Mixed School in Halhul, in addition to the construction of a 100 cubic meter cistern in Al-Ameer Qais Girls' School in Tarqumiya. This project will provide an appropriate and healthy educational environment for all students and teachers by improving the sanitary and hygienic environment in the three schools. It is also expected that this project will raise awareness on suitable sanitary and hygienic control and contribute to the prevention of infectious diseases.

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 $1.7 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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