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State Minister Sonoura Attends the Fifth Ministerial-Level Meeting of the Four-Party Consultative Unit for the "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity"

On September 7, Mr. Kentaro Sonoura, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, attended the Fifth Ministerial-Level Meeting of the Four-Party Consultative Unit for the "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity" in Jericho, Palestine, during his visit. The overview of the meeting is as follows.

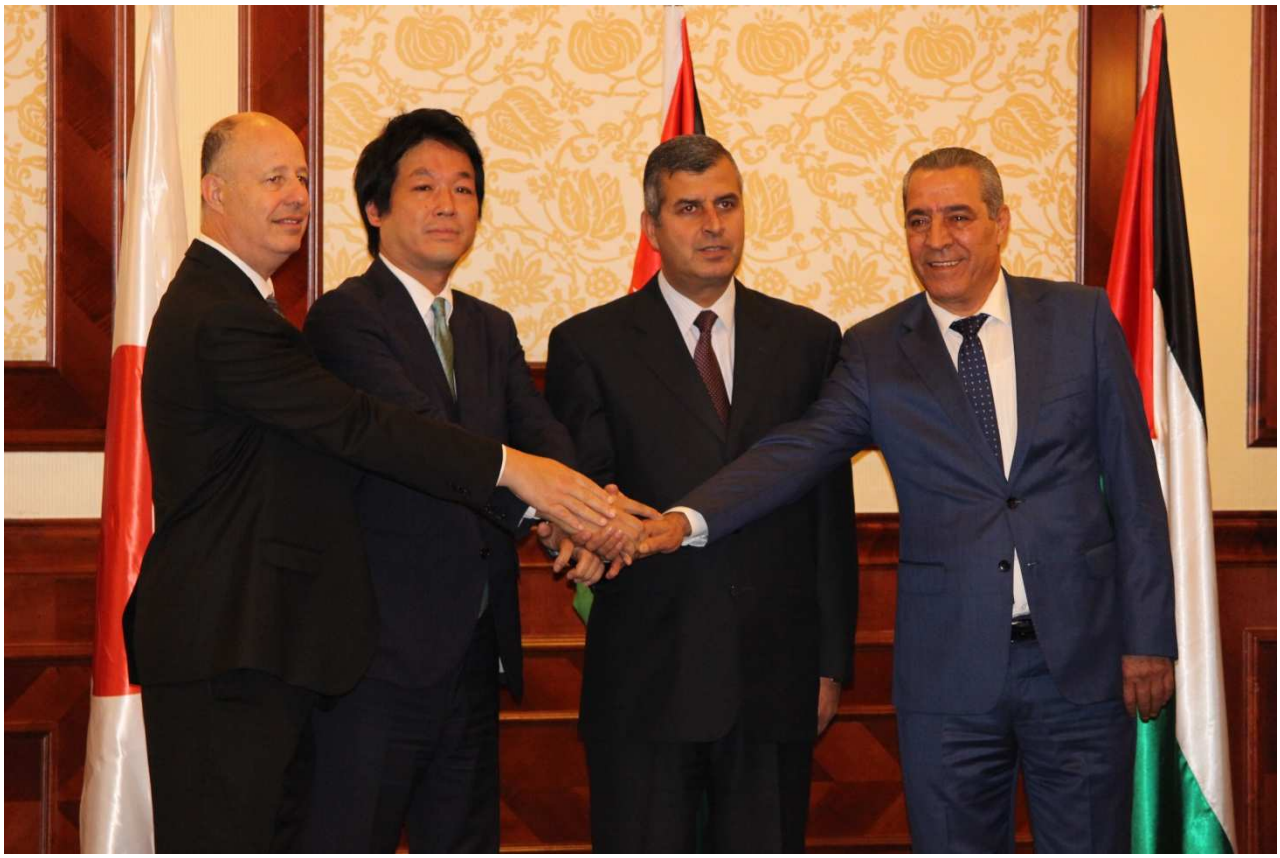
1. The meeting was attended by H.E. Mr. Hussein al-Sheikh, Minister of Civil Affairs of the Palestinian Authority, H.E. Mr. Tzachi Hanegbi, Israeli Minister at Prime Minister Office, and H.E. Dr. Saleh Al-Kharabsheh, Jordanian Secretary General of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. State Minister Sonoura served as Chair.

2. At the meeting, they shared the recognition on the current state of the construction of the Jericho Agro-Industrial Park (JAIP), a flagship project of the "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity" aiming to encourage the development of the Palestinian economy through regional cooperation, and discussed future efforts and initiatives.

3. State Minister Sonoura mentioned that 10 years have passed since the inauguration of the initiative of the "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity", and welcomed the steady progress being made with the concept, including the fact that two Palestinian companies have begun operating at the JAIP. State Minister Sonoura expressed his hope that the four parties will continue to work together to move the initiative forward.

4. The four parties reaffirmed the importance of cooperation for further progress in the initiative which would contribute to the development of the Palestinian economy and peace and prosperity in the region. Lastly, a Chairman's summary was adopted http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000186521.pdf (End)

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