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Grant Signing Ceremonies for Two GGP Projects in Palestine, Funded by Japan

Grant Contracts for two **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 of Abud Village Council and Beit Sahour Cooperative Society for Health Welfare at the Representative Office of Japan in Ramallah for a total amount of US$ 143,647.

Abud Village Council received a grant of US$ 61,387 that they will use the funds to finish the interior and exterior works of the new school building of the Secondary Mixed School in Abud village. This project's objective is to secure extra space and have a much efficient environment for about 59 science course students and 45 general students who can study the new wing.

The US$ 82,260 granted for Beit Sahour Cooperative Society for Health Welfare will be used to install the Arthroscopic Surgical System. This project's objective is to assist the patients who are offered appropriately the surgery by arthroscopies without excessive burdens by conducting open surgery or visiting other hospitals outside of the area. The most direct beneficiaries from the project will be patients in need of Arthroscopic surgical system in the hospital, expected to increase from about 60 patients to 220. In addition, the patients concerned about open surgery will be conducted diagnosis by Arthroscopic surgical system with the minimum economic and physical burden and without visit other hospitals outside of the area.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Abud Village Council and Beit Sahour Cooperative Society for Health Welfare wished them success in their project. He emphasized Japan's firm commitment of supporting Palestinian people from human security perspective as well as the importance of implementing social and economic development projects needed for Palestinian communities.

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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)



Ambassador Takeshi Okubo with Abud village representative

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Ambassador Takeshi Okubo with the representative of Beit Sahour Cooperative Society for Health