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PRESS RELEASE

Completion of the Project for Expansion of Drainage System for Flood Protection in Zababdeh, Funded by Japan

Today, January 10th,2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, visited Zababdeh in Jenin Governorate to celebrate the completion of the project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).**

The grant of US$ 90,495 was extended to Zababdeh Municipality. It was used to expand the drainage system in Zababdeh in order to improve the hygiene environment and reduce the serious damage caused by floods. The direct beneficiaries shall be about 1,900 people in 350 households.

In his speech, Mr. Okubo 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.

Since 1993 the Government of Japan has extended its official development assistance to approximately US$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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