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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 Huwwara Municipality and Palestinian Youth Union at the Representative Office of Japan in Ramallah for a total amount of US$ 158,550.

Huwwara Municipality received a grant of US$ 79,000 that they will use the funds to replace 2,500 meters of water pipelines with new galvanized steel pipes and to install a new water pump in Huwwara. This project aims at securing sufficient supply of tap water for about 4,620 direct beneficiaries.

The US$ 79,550 granted for Palestinian Youth Union will be used to encourage the social involvement of the students with disability and to construct basic facilities, such as, toilet for disability and ramps, at 8 Public schools and one cultural center in Salfit and Jerusalem. The direct beneficiaries from this project will be about 64 people with disabilities who regularly use the 9 target institutions.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Huwwara Municipality and Palestinian Youth Union 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.

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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