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# PRESS RELEASE

## Completion of the Project for Improvement of Electricity Supply in Burqeen, Funded by Japan

Today, February 5th,2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, visited Burqeen 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$ 90,586 was extended to Burqeen Municipality. It was used to replace 4,500m of the existing electricity cables with ABC cable in 13 locations, as well as to install a new transformer of (630KVA). In addition, 100 old steel poles were replaced with galvanized steel poles. The direct beneficiaries are estimated to total 3,050 residents (610 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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