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PRESS RELEASE

Completion of the Project for Rehabilitation of Water Network in Anabta, Funded by Japan

Today, April 19th,2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, visited Anabta in Tulkarm 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$ 90,550 was extended to Anabta Municipality. It was used to replace 2,130m of old water pipelines with new coated galvanized steel pipes. The project aims to secure sufficient tap water supply for the residents who have been suffering for many years from the scarcity and bad quality of water due to damaged old water pipes. Upon the completion of this project, 1,800 residents will benefit from safe and improved water network.

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$1.8 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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