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PRESS RELEASE

Completion of the Project for Replacing Air Medium Voltage Network in Qarawat Bani Hassan, Funded by Japan

Today, April 26th, 2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, visited Qarawat Bani Hassan in Salfit 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$ 82,009 was extended to Qarawat Bani Hassan Municipality. It was used to replace 900 meters of old electric wire to underground network and remove 8 old lattices column and install one new lattice column. It aims to reduce the danger of electrical shock accidents and improve the situation of electric power supply. Upon the completion of this project, the direct beneficiaries from safe and improved electrical network are around 670 residents (96 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$1.8 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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