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PRESS RELEASE

Completion of the Project for Installation of Solar panel system in Ar-Rawaein Bedouin Community, Funded by Japan

Today, May 4th, 2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Ar-Rawaein in Bethlehem 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$ 81,600 was extended to the Agricultural Society for the Wall Affected "SAMED" to install the Solar Panel system. It aims to improve and benefit the life environment and school environment of all residents in the Ar-Rawaein Bedouin community which has about 200 residents (40 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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