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PRESS RELEASE

Completion of the Project for Rehabilitation of Electricity Network in Deir Al-Ghusun, Funded by Japan

Today, August 9th, 2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Deir Al-Ghusun in Tulkarem 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$ 68,008 was extended to Deir Al-Ghusun Municipality. It was used to replace 4,100m of old naked cables with new ABC wires as well as 43 damaged electric poles with galvanized steel poles. This project aims to ensure safe electricity supply for the residents in Deir Al-Ghusun. Upon the completion of this project, around 2,700 residents (530 households) will benefit from the safe and improved electrical 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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