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Grant Signing Ceremony for the Project for Replacement and expansion of electricity network in Salfit Municipality, Funded by Japan

Grant Contracts for one **Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP)** was signed today by Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, and representative of Salfit Municipality at JICA Office in Ramallah for a total amount of US$ 89,700.

Salfit Municipality will use the funds to install total 4,000m of 95mm ABC cable for electricity distribution and 630 KVA transformer and Lattice tower and a total of 400m of 95mm aluminum cable for the connection between Transformer and main network will be rehabilitated, where direct beneficiaries shall be about 2,700 residents (450 households).

Mr. Okubo congratulated Salfit Municipality and wished them success in their project. 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 $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)