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Grant Signing Ceremony for Rehabilitation Project of Water Network in Al Khas Village 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 Al-Khas village council at the JICA Office in Ramallah for a total amount of US$ 88,295.

Al-Khas village will use the grant to install 1-inch water pipes for a total of 1,000 meters and 750 meters of 2-inch water pipes for the rehabilitation of the water network which is made out of underground galvanized iron pipes, as well as rehabilitation of the damaged water cistern. The direct beneficiaries of this project reached to 700 residents as well as to 230 students and teachers in the schools' village.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Al-Khas village 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)