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PRESS RELEASE

Grant Signing Ceremony for the Project for construction of school building in Mixed School in Urif Village

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Grant Contract 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 Urif Village Council at Representative office of Japan in Ramallah for a total amount of US$90,565.

Urif Village Council will use the fund to construct one new building with 4 classrooms Urif Mixed School. This project aims at securing extra classrooms and creating more efficient learning environment. Once the project is implemented, the 4 new classrooms will be used by 108 first-grade students.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Urif Village Council and wished them success in their project. He 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 amounting 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)