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Grant Signing Ceremony for Rehabilitation of Water Network in Kharbatha Bani Harith, 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 Kharbatha Bani Harith village council at the Representative Office of Japan in Ramallah for a total amount of US$ 82,300.

Kharbatha Bani Harith village council will use the fund to replace 2000m of water pipes with new galvanized steel pipes. .This project aims at securing sufficient water supply of tap water for, about 800 direct beneficiaries.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Kharbatha Bani Harith village council 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)