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PRESS RELEASE

Grant Signing Ceremony
Project for Finishing of Additional Classrooms in Ras Karkar School
Funded by Japan

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 Ras Karkar Village Council at Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah for a total amount of US$87,955.

Ras Karkar Village Council will use the fund to complete the finishing works for three additional classrooms in addition to construct a toilet unit for people with disabilities in Ras Karkar School. This project aims at securing extra classrooms as well as encouraging the social involvement of the students with disabilities. Once the project is implemented, the 3 new classrooms will be used by 68 female students of scientific stream, and 5 students with disabilities will use the new specialized toilet.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Ras Karkar 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)