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PRESS RELEASE

Completion Project for Establishment of a New School Building in Abud Secondary Mixed School, Funded by Japan

Today, January 29th,2018 Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Abud village in Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate to celebrate the completion of the project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).**

The grant of US $61,387 was extended to Abud Village Council. It was used to complete the interior and exterior works of the new school building for Science stream in Abud Secondary Mixed School. The project aims at securing extra classrooms and creating more efficient learning environment for about 59 students of science stream. In addition, 45 students of 5th and 6th grades will use the old classrooms which will become available due to the transfer of the science stream students.

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 US$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)

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