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PRESS RELEASE

Grant Signing Ceremony
Replacing the Compost Production Plant in Beit Duqqu Village
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 the Palestinian Farmers Union (PFU) at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah for a total amount of US$87,500.

The Palestinian Farmers Union will use the fund to replace the old compost production machines and reconstruct the current compost production plant of Beit Al-Karma Farmers Union in Beit Duqqu. This project aims at increasing the compost production of BFU from 600,000 liters to 2,225,000 litters to stably provide cheaper compost to the farmers in Beit Duqqu and its surroundings. Once the project is completed, Beit Al Karma Farmers Union shall sell the target production to 360 farmers' households for 6NIS/pack instead of 7-8 NIS/ pack.

Mr. Okubo congratulated the Palestinian Farmers Union 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)