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PRESS RELEASE

Grant Signing Ceremony
Construction of New Building for the Disability Center in Al-Amari Refugee Camp
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 Palestinian Society for Care and Development at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah for a total amount of US$79,266.

Palestinian Society for Care and Development will use the fund to establish a new building with three classrooms in the Center of the disabled in Al-Amari refugee camp. This project aims at improving the educational environment for the students with disabilities as well as accommodating the increasing numbers of the students. Once the project is implemented, the direct beneficiaries will be about 45 students from the schools of Al-Amari refugee camp as well as 10 youth with disability who currently study in the center. In addition, more than 120 new students from the schools of Al-Amari refugee camp will be able to have special education and related services in the targeted center.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Palestinian Society for Care and Development 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)