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PRESS RELEASE

Completion Project for Replacing Electricity Network in Sarta Village, Funded by Japan

Today, February 14th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Sarta in Salfit 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 $76,290 was extended to Sarta Village Council to replace 2km of existing electricity cables with 95mm ABC cables. This project aims at improving the electricity provision and the residential environment in Sarta by rehabilitating the old naked electricity network. Upon the completion of this project, around 700 residents (85 households) will benefit from the safe and improved electrical network.

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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