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Grant Signing Ceremonies for Three GGP Projects in Palestine
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Grant Contracts for three Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) were signed today by Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, and representatives of Beit Furik Municipality, Aqqaba Municipality, and Jericho and Jordan Valley Cooperative Association for Bee-breeding at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah for a total amount of US$207,109.

Beit Furik Municipality will use a fund of $78,649 to install two ABC cables (M.V.) to connect the transformer with the main network as well as to install 630 KVA transformer and two Lattice towers in Beit Furik. This project aims at securing safe and sufficient electricity supply for Beit Furik residents. Once the project is implemented, about 2,400 residents (450 households) will benefit from the safe and improved electrical network.

Aqqaba Municipality will use a fund of $88,460 to establish a new toilet unit in Aqqaba Girls School which has only 6 toilets and two temporary toilets for all its students and teachers. This project aims at improving the educational environment for the students and teachers. The direct beneficiaries from the construction of the new toilet unit (12 toilets) shall be about 545 female students of 1st-12th grades including students with disabilities who study in the school as well as 36 teachers.

Jericho and Jordan Valley Cooperative Association for Bee-breeding will use a fund of $40,000 to upgrade Bee-box production machine as well as rehabilitate the current building of Jericho and Jordan Valley Cooperative Association for Bee-breeding. This project aims at providing stable and cheaper beehives for 280 NIS instead of 310 NIS and cheaper wood plates for 2.5 NIS/one instead of 3.5NIS/one which equals to the raw material cost. The direct beneficiaries of this project shall be about 200 households of the bee-keepers in Aqbat Jaber

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refugee camp who will be able to save 9000 to 150000 NIS annually.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Beit Furik Municipality, Aqqaba Municipality, and Jericho and Jordan Valley Cooperative Association for Bee-breeding 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)



Ambassador Takeshi Okubo with Beit Furik representatives

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Ambassador Takeshi Okubo with Aqqaba representatives



Ambassador Takeshi Okubo with representatives of Jericho and Jordan Valley Cooperative Association for Bee-breeding