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Grant Signing Ceremony
Installation of Solar Panel System in Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital in Gaza
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 Give Palestine Association at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah for a total amount of US$83,651.

Give Palestine Association will use the fund to provide a reliable and stable electricity supply to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital through the installation of a solar panel system. This project aims at enhancing the capacity of the hospital to deliver adequate medical care to its all patients, particularly for patients suffering from Kidney failure, since the hospital currently operates the DIALYSIS system for limited hours per day due to the electricity crises in Gaza. Once the project is implemented, the direct beneficiaries shall be about 150 patients with Kidney failure who will be able to receive the Dialysis treatment through the provision of stable electricity supply.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Give Palestine Association 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)