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PRESS RELEASE

Project Completion for Rehabilitation of Water Network in Al-Khas, Funded by Japan

Today, August 9th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Al-Khas in Bethlehem 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).**

Al-Khas village council used a grant of US $88,295 to replace the old water network by installing 1,000m of 1-inch pipes and 750m of 2-inch pipes which are composed of underground galvanized steel pipes. In addition, the old damaged water cistern was rehabilitated. Upon the completion of the project, the direct beneficiaries reached to 700 residents as well as 230 students and teachers in the village's schools.

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$1.86 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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