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Project Completion for Provision of a Backhoe Loader for Joint Service Council for Solid Waste and Waste Water Management / Salfit Governorate, Funded by Japan

Today, August 13th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Bidya city, 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).**

Joint Service Council for Solid Waste and Waste Water Management / Salfit Governorate used a grant of US $89,053 to improve the environmental situations on roadside and next to solid waste containers by introducing the new backhoe loader. In addition, old backhoe loader was discarded properly. Upon the completion of the project, the direct beneficiaries reached to 70,000 residents.

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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