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PRESS RELEASE

Project for improving of Electrical Network & Installation of Transformer in Beit Furik, Funded by Japan

Today, September 20th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Beit Furik in Nablus 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).**

Beit Furik Municipality used a grant of US $78,649 to install 2,160 meters of underground medium voltage cables as well as a new transformer of 630KVA. This project aims at securing safe and sufficient electricity supply for Beit Furik where residents have suffer from the weak provision of electricity over years. About 2,400 residents (450 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$1.86 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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