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PRESS RELEASE

Project for Construction of Additional Classrooms in Farkha Secondary Mixed School **Funded by Japan**

Today, September 23th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Farkha Village in Salfeet 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).**

A grant of US $89,851 was extended to Farkha Village Council to improve the learning environment in Farkha Secondary Mixed School. It was used to construct additional floor with 4 classrooms (each 48m²), with the aim of stopping the use of the old classroom which threatened the lives of students. Upon the completion of the project, 76 students of 9th -12th grades will benefit from securing a safe and healthy learning environment.

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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