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PRESS RELEASE

Project Completion for Providing Feedstuff Production Machines in Deir Al-Balah, Funded by Japan

Today, October 15th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine,visited Al-Ahlyia Association for the Development of Palm and Dates in Der Al-Balah to celebrate the completion of the project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).**

The grant of US $82,200 was extended to Al-Ahlyia Association for the Development of Palm and Dates to install the feedstuff production machines in the fodder production sector of Al-Ahlyia Association. It aims to use the equipment to provide cheap fodder stably to the livestock breeders in Deir Al-Balah and surrounding areas. The most direct beneficiaries from the project are 700 breeder's households.

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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