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Completion ceremony of the Project for Installation of Solar panel system in Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital in Gaza, Funded by Japan

Today, February 26th, 2019, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Rafah in Gaza to celebrate the completion of the project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).**

Give Palestine Association used a grant of US 83,651 to provide a reliable and stable electricity supply to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar Hospital through the installation of solar panel system. This project aimed at enhancing the capacity of the hospital to deliver adequate medical care to its all patients, particularly for patients suffering from Kidney failure, since the hospital was operated the DIALYSIS system for limited hours per day due to the electricity crises in Gaza. The direct beneficiaries shall be about 150 patients with Kidney failure who receive the Dialysis treatment through the provision of stable electricity supply.

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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