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PRESS RELEASE

Project for Replacing the Compost Production Plant in Beit Duqqu Village, Funded by Japan

Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Beit Duqqu village in Jerusalem 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).**

Palestinian Farmers union used a grant of US $87,500 to replace the old compost production machines and reconstruct the current compost production plant of Beit Al-Karma Farmers Union in Beit Duqqu. This project aims at increasing the compost production of BFU from 600,000 liters to 2,225,000 litters to stably provide cheaper compost to the farmers in Beit Duqqo and its surroundings. About 360 households benefit from the project.

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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