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PRESS RELEASE

Signing Ceremony with Iskaka Village Council For "The Project for the Reinforcement of Electricity Network in Iskaka Village"

A grant contract for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was signed today Between Mr. ARAIKE Katsuhiko, Ambassador for Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, and Mr. Osama Thahir, Mayor of Iskaka Village Council (Salfit Governorate) at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah, for an amount of 132,500 USD.

With this grant, Iskaka Village Council will install a 400 kVA transformer, a distribution board, new lattice tower. Additionally, 390 meters of new medium-voltage power line will be constructed to connect the new transformer to the existing one, and 510 meters of existing medium-voltage lines will be relocated underground. This project will benefit about 250 households (1,250 people), as well as a school and a clinic. These efforts aim to strengthen the village's electricity distribution capacity, reduce voltage drops, and contribute to a more stable and safer power supply in the area.

Mr. ARAIKE Katsuhiko congratulated the representatives of the Iskaka Village Council and wished them success in the project. He reiterated Japan's firm commitment to supporting the Palestinian people from a human security perspective and emphasized the importance of implementing social and economic development projects that address the needs of Palestinian communities.

Since 1993, the Government of Japan has extended its official development assistance to approximately 2.6 billion USD, to the Palestinians. GGP projects have been formulated in collaboration with the Palestinian Authority since 2010. (END)