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Exchange of Notes on Project for Improvement of Internal Roads in Jericho (Grant aid for conflict prevention and peace building) to the Palestinian Authority

1. The government of Japan has decided to provide a grant aid of approximately eight million (8,000,000) US dollars (eight hundred million and nine hundred thousand (800,900,000) yen) to the Palestinian Authority to improve internal roads in Jericho. Notes on the Project for Improvement of Internal Roads in Jericho as a grant aid for conflict prevention and peace building to the Palestinians were exchanged between Mr. Tetsushi KONDO, Head of Representative Office of Japan to the Palestinian Authority and H.E. Dr. Salam FAYYAD, Prime Minister/ Minister of Finance of the PA on December 23 in Ramallah.
2. This project will contribute to the realization of the concept of the “Corridor for Peace and Prosperity”, which has been promoting co-existence and co-prosperity between the two states, Palestine and Israel through regional cooperation. The project will be targeted to improve 61 internal roads, a total of 20 kilometers in Jericho (including 10 streetlights a total of 9 kilometers as well as 5 sidewalks a total of 3 kilometers) and provide necessary equipments for the maintenance of the roads.
3. This project will enhance the safety of the transportation in Jericho as well as promote efficient commercial enterprises and increase the accessibility to the tourist spots in Jericho. It is also expected to revitalize socio-economic activities of the Palestinian people.

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