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Japanese NGO Continues to Support Olive Farmers and Women's Group in Tubas through Japanese Fund

On December 8th, 2011, the Representative of Japan to the Palestinian Authority, Mr. Naofumi Hashimoto and Ms. Mayumi Yoshida, the representative of NICCOD, a Japanese NGO, signed the grant contract for the Project of Olive Pest Control and Poverty Reduction of Women's Groups in the West Bank, Occupied Territories of Palestine (Phase 3). This project is funded by the Government of Japan through its Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects, with a total amount of USD 389,783 approximately (34,690,687 Japanese Yen).

NICCOD already established their project office in Tubas city and started implementing the above mentioned project in 2009 with the support of Japanese Government. Through their previous community based activities, NICCOD successfully established good relationship with local olive farmers and women's group to encourage them to improve their lives in Tubas area through developing the reasonable method of olive pest control as well as the value-added processed foods by their organic agricultural products.

Through this project signed today as the last phase of this project, olive farmers and women's group members will continue to obtain NICCOD's support to enhance their capacity to run the current activities with sustainable manner, and thus improve their life circumstance through generating income by their activities.

Mr. Hashimoto expressed his hope that targeted farmers and women's group members will further enhance their activity with transferred knowledge and experience through NICCOD's project and enable them to improve their life for longer period, and thus, contribute their efforts to establish a viable independent Palestinian state.

The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Project is specially designed to address basic needs from human security perspective. It is worth mentioning that since 1993 the Government of Japan has extended its official development assistance exceeding USD 1.2 billion to the Palestinian people, including humanitarian assistance.

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Signing of Grant Contract



Mr. Hashimoto exchanging the Grant Contract with Ms. Mayumi Yoshida,
Representative of the Japanese NGO “NICCOD” in Palestine