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Grant Signing Ceremony for Replacing Air Medium Voltage Network in Qarawat Bani Hassan, funded by Japan

Grant Contracts for one **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project** (**GGP**) was signed today by Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, and Mayor of Qarawat Bani Hassan Municipality at the Representative Office of Japan in Ramallah for a total amount of US\$ 82,009.

Qarawat Bani Hassan Municipality will use the funds to replace 900 meters of old electric wire to underground and remove 8 old lattices column and install one new lattice column. In order to; reduce the danger of electrical shock accidents and improve the situation of electric power supply for 670 citizens in 96 residents.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Qarawat Bani Hassan Municipality and wished them success in their project. He 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 \$1.7 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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