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PRESS RELEASE

Completion of the Project for Rehabilitation of Electricity Network in Sebastiya, Funded by Japan

Today, January 31st, 2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to the PA, visited Sebastiya in Nablus 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)**.

The grant of US\$ 87,352 was extended to Sebastiya Municipality to improve the electricity provision and the residential environment for the local residents. It was used to replace 610m of the existing electricity cables with ABC cable in two locations, as well as to replace 800m of the overhead medium voltage transferring electricity with underground ABC cable. In addition, 40 old wooden electricity poles were replaced with steel poles. The direct beneficiaries are estimated to total 3,150 residents.

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\$1.7 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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