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PRESS RELEASE

**Project Completion for Rehabilitation of Water
Network in Kharbatha Bani Harith,
Funded by Japan**

Today, July 24th, 2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Kharbatha Bani Hareth in Ramallah 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 \$82,300 was extended to Kharbatha Village Council. It was used to replace 2000m of water pipes with new galvanized steel pipes. This project aims at securing sufficient water supply of tap water for about 800 direct beneficiaries.

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\$1.8 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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