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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **Signing Ceremony for Exchange of Notes regarding**

#### **“The Project for the Improvement of Water Supply System in Jenin”**

Sep 26th, Ramallah - Under the patronage of H.E the Prime Minister Dr. Muhammad Shtayyeh, H.E. Mr. Shukri Bishara, Minister of Finance, and Mr. Nakashima Yoichi, Ambassador for Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, signed the Exchange of Notes regarding the grant assistance of approximately USD 20.0 million (JPY 2,793,000,000) for "the Project for the Improvement of the Water Supply System in Jenin".

The grant aid is part of international support aimed at providing access to safe water for the residents of Jenin Municipality. With this grant, the Palestinian Water Authority will enhance the water supply in Jenin Municipality by rehabilitating water resource facilities, constructing water distribution facilities, establishing appropriate water distribution zoning, and expanding the distribution network.

Prime Minister Dr. Muhammad Shtayyeh conveyed his gratitude to the Government of Japan and the Japanese people for their unwavering support to Palestine across various dimensions. This consistent support serves to strengthen Palestinian resilience and bolster the bilateral relations between the two nations. Dr. Shtayyeh underscored that this grant is specifically earmarked for the well-being of the Palestinian people in Jenin and will be managed by the Palestinian Water Authority.

Ambassador Mr. Nakashima expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Dr. Muhammad Shtayyeh and the Palestinian Partners for their commitment to implementing Japan's assistance in Palestine. He stated, "Today, Japan has extended fresh support worth \$20 million to enhance water services in the city of Jenin. This assistance will be channeled through municipal teams that have previously benefited from the JICA project. The primary goals of this grant include the rehabilitation of water resource facilities, the expansion of the water distribution infrastructure, and the improvement of water supply efficiency in Jenin Municipality."

Japan has been providing assistance to key ministries both financially and technically, aiding in their preparations for statehood in alignment with Palestinian national development plans. With this new assistance, Japan's total support since 1993 has exceeded USD 2.3 billion. This Project will be another achievement in the record of Japanese aid in Palestine.

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