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## OPENING CEREMONY FOR TWO HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS IN HEBRON GOVERNORATE

Today, Mr. TABUCHI Yusuke, Head of economic and development cooperation section at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine, visited Hebron city and Al-Karmel town in Hebron Governorate to celebrate the completion of two projects funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).** 

The Government of Japan extended a grant of (USD 87,000) to Patients Friends Society – Al Ahli Hospital to improve the medical service in Al Ahli Hospital by introducing an Echo Cardiograph in a Pediatric Cardiology Center. It is worth noting that thousands of patients with pediatric heart problems will benefit from the medical equipment the project provided to Al-Ahli Hospital

Also, another grant of (USD 89,930) was extended to Al-Karmel Municipality to improve the educational environment of Khalet Hayyan School by constructing 6 classrooms and 2 offices in the ground floor of the new school building. Upon the completion of the project, 165 students from the 1st grade to 5th grade and 11 teachers were able to move to the new classrooms.

In his speech, Mr. TABUCHI Yusuke 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 USD 2.2 billion, to the Palestinians. GGP projects have been formulated in collaboration with the Palestinian Authority through Ministry of Finance and Planning since 2010. (END)