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Opening of Two projects in villages of Bidya and Mas-ha in Salfeet Governorate funded by Japan

Today, March 5th, 2023, Mr. HATTORI Takashi, Deputy Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Bidya and Mas-ha village in Salfeet 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 90,000) to Bidya Village Council to ensure the resident's safety by replacing the exciting aerial main cables with (1800m) underground cables, and prevent accidents related to old cables such as electricity power failure or conflagration. Upon the completion of the project, 13,000 people who use electricity in Bidya village benefit from the project.

Also, the Government of Japan extended a grant of (USD 73,693) to Mas-ha Village Council to ensure the resident's safety by replacing the exciting aerial main cables (about 4500m) with new ones, beside underground cables (about 720m), and prevent accidents related to old cables such as electricity power failure or conflagration. Also improve resident's access to sufficient electricity by installing electrical adapter and 73 wooden poles. Upon the completion of the project, 3,100 people who use electricity in Masha village benefit from the project.

In his speech, Mr. HATTORI Takashi 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 2.3 billion, to the Palestinians. GGP projects have been formulated in collaboration with the Palestinian Authority through Ministry of Finance and Planning since 2010. (END)