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PRESS RELEASE

**Opening of Two projects in villages of Awarta and
Bureen in Nablus Governorate funded by
the Government of Japan**

Today, July 17th, 2024, Mr. NAKASHIMA Yoichi, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Awarta village and Bureen village in Nablus governorate to celebrate the completion of 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 89,212 to Awarta Village Council to improve the educational environment for the students in Awarta Basic Mixed School by adding new three classrooms. Upon the completion of the project, 76 students will directly benefit by improving the educational environment in the school.

Also, the Government of Japan extended a grant of USD 92,500 to Bureen Village Council to improve the medical service in Bureen Medical Center by introducing an X-Ray unit and an Ultrasound unit. Upon the completion of the project, about 3,000 people will directly benefit by improving necessary medical service.

In his speech, Mr. NAKASHIMA 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 2.5 billion, to the Palestinians. GGP projects have been formulated in collaboration with the Palestinian Authority since 2010.

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