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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Opening of Electricity project in the village Yasuf in Salfit Governorate funded by the Government of Japan**

On September 18th, 2024, Mr. NAKASHIMA Yoichi, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Yasuf village in Salfit governorate to celebrate the completion of the electricity project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) in the presence of the Governor of Salfit, Dr. Abdallah Kmeil.

The Government of Japan extended a grant of USD 92,300 to the Yasuf Village council to ensure the residents' safety by replacing the existing old aerial cables (340m) with new underground ones, preventing accidents such as power failures. The grant also aims to improve the residents' access to sufficient electricity for using electric appliances by installing an electric transformer, and connecting between the new transformer and the existing main cable with the new underground cable(610m).

Upon the completion of the project, directly benefited not only the residents living near the project area and the students in the school, but also approximately 3,000 residents throughout the village.

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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