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## Japan supports Improvement of E-learning for the Palestinian primary education in the West Bank

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Witnessed by Mr. TSUJI Kiyoto, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, H.E Mr. Shukry BISHARA, Minister of Finance, and Mr. NAKASHIMA Yoichi, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, signed today the Exchange of Notes, regarding Japan's grant assistance up to approximately 3.6 million USD for "The Project for the Improvement of E-learning Equipment".

This project aims to improve the environment of E-learning in the primary education by providing equipment to the film studio of the Palestinian educational television station and audiovisual and ICT equipment to schools in the West Bank.

The Palestinian Authority is facilitating the introduction of distance learning for supporting children and students who do not have adequate access to education, due to severe moving restriction caused by the unstable security and political situation. This project will enable PA to improve the quality of e-learning programs and contribute to increasing learning effectiveness.

H.E Mr. Shukry BISHARA, Minister of Finance, 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 Japan and Palestine.

On his part, Mr. TSUJI, State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, emphasized the importance of education leading to a viable Palestinian state living side by side in peace and dignity, and that Japan is, both in good and bad times, an "escort runner" for the Palestinian people.

Japan has been providing assistance for the PA's key ministries both financially and technically, in their preparation for statehood in line with Palestinian national development plans. With this new assistance, Japan's total assistance to Palestinian people since 1993 will reach USD 2.4 billion.

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