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PRESS RELEASE

**Signing Ceremonies for Three GGP Projects in Palestine
Funded by the Government of Japan**

The Grant Contract for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was signed today between Mr. ARAIKE Katsuhiko, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, and the representatives of Beita Municipality, Mazari Annubani village council and Madama village council, at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah, for an amount of USD 410,909.

Beita municipality will use the funds of USD 143,319 for install two 400 kVA transformers, two distribution boards, and three lattice towers and extend 1,665 meters of high voltage line to be connected the existing and new transformers to supply stable electricity throughout the municipality. This project will benefit about 600 households and two schools to avoid power outages and prevent electric shock accidents.

Mazari Annubani village council will use the funds of USD 138,320 for installing 2,530 meters of steel pipes in eastern and western area currently not connected to the water network and enable more than 2,400 farmers to have a stable supply of water for agriculture even during summer season, and to improve access to clean and stable supply of water for 48 households, approximately 200 people, in Mazari Annubani village.

Madama village council will use the funds of USD 129,270 to install a 630 kVA transformer and extend 1,350 meters of high voltage line to be connected the existing transformers and a new transformer to supply stable electricity throughout the village. This project will benefit about 200 households



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(1,000people) and a school to avoid power outages. In addition, about 600 households (3,000people) will have access to sufficient and clean water for domestic use through the operation of electric water pumps.

Mr. ARAIKE Katsuhiko congratulated the representatives of Beita municipality, Mazari Annubani village council and Madama village council and wished them success in their projects. He emphasized Japan's firm commitment to supporting the Palestinian people from a 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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