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Press Release

Japan Donates USD 1 Million to Provide Medical Supplies for Emergency Response in Gaza

The Government of Japan with the Ministry of Health announced the launching of a project for Medical Supplies' Provision as an emergency response in Gaza Strip through a ceremony that took place in Gaza city in the presence of a number of official Japanese and Palestinian representatives.

The Ministry of Health in Gaza celebrated the arrival of the first batch of medical supplies, which is part of a financial grant with a total amount of USD one million under the Japanese Counterpart Fund. This grant aims at ensuring life-saving health services to people in Gaza through provision of essential medical supplies (including medicines) to 13 governmental hospitals and P51 primary healthcare (PHC) clinics in Gaza Strips.

Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, expressed his gratitude to all partners for realizing this grant, especially Ministry of Health. "I believe it is important not to lose hope and to work together to overcome this severe political and economic situation. In this connection, Japan provided an additional grant of one million dollar to Ministry of Health this year to provide medicines and disposables to hospitals and clinics in Gaza. We hope this assistance will contribute to protecting Gazan people's lives and giving more opportunity for full recovery from injuries and illnesses as well as alleviating Gazan people's frustration by ensuring basic medical services." , he added.

This grant is a clear indicator of Japan's determined commitment to 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 US\$1.86 billion, to the Palestinians.