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PRESS RELEASE

Grant Signing Ceremonies for three GGP Projects in Palestine Funded by Japan

Grant Contracts for three Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) were signed today by Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, and representatives of Ni'lin Municipality, At-Tira village council, and Franciscan Sisters' School at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah for a total amount of US\$ 234,526.

Ni'lin Municipality in Ramallah Governorate will use a fund of \$85,215 for constructing 3 new classrooms and a toilet unit in Ni'lin Girl School to provide 100 students from 6th grade to 12th grade with new class rooms and appropriate and healthy educational environment.

At-Tira Village council will use a fund of \$88,936 for reconstructing new 4 classrooms in At-Tira secondary School to provide 99 students with an appropriate educational condition.

Franciscan sisters' school will use a fund of \$60,357 for installing new solar energy system in the school to provide 600 students from 1st to 9th grade with an appropriate educational condition.

Mr. Okubo congratulated Ni'lin Municipality, At-Tira Village council, and Franciscan sister's school, and wished them success in their project. He 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 amounting to approximately \$1.86 billion, to the Palestinians. GGP projects have been formulated in collaboration with the Palestinian Authority through Ministry of Finance and Planning since 2010. (END)