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PRESS RELEASE

**Project for Construction of Cisterns for Seven Basic
and Secondary Schools in Hebron and Bethlehem
Funded by Japan**

Today, October 28th 2019, Mr. Masayuki Magoshi, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Bethlehem Governorate to celebrate the completion of the project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)** with the presence of Bethlehem Governor Mr. Kamel Hmeid.

A grant of US \$86,000 was extended to Palestinian Hydrology Group to achieve an appropriate educational environment for students. Five rain water harvesting cisterns were constructed to provide better quality water and overcome the issue of water shortage to 2646 students in seven schools in Bethlehem and Hebron governorate.

In his speech, Mr. Masayuki Magoshi 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 US\$1.9 billion, to the Palestinians. GGP projects have been formulated in collaboration with the Palestinian Authority through Ministry of Finance and Planning since 2010.

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