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Signing and Exchange of Notes concerning Medical Grant Assistance to Palestine

On February 24, H.E Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh, Prime Minister of Palestine, and Mr. MAGOSHI Masayuki, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, signed and exchanged notes in Ramallah, regarding a grant assistance of approximately USD 17.773 million (JPY1,955,000,000) related to the Project for the Improvement of Medical Equipment.

This project aims at strengthening the capacity of diagnosis and treatment of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) at four Palestinian core hospitals, namely Rafidia Surgical Hospital in the West Bank, European Gaza Hospital, Nasser Medical Complex and Indonesian Hospital in the Gaza Strip. This grant will be utilized to provide medical equipment for countermeasures against NCDs in addition to consulting services. Consequently, it will contribute to the improvement of the quality of health care services and the normalization of health finance in Palestine.

Japan has been providing assistance for the key ministries both financially and technically, in their preparation for statehood in line with Palestinian national development plans. With the new assistance, Japan's total assistance since 1993 will reach USD 2 billion.

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