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Opening Ceremony for Two Projects in Salfet Governorate

Today, February 1st, 2023, Mr. TABUCHI Yusuke, First Secretary, Head of economic and development cooperation section at the Representative office of Japan to Palestine, visited Kufur-al-Deek and Rafat Villages in Salfet Governorate to celebrate the completion of two projects funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)**.

The Government of Japan extended a grant of (USD 89,840) to Kufur-al-Deek Municipality to improve the residents' access to sufficient electricity for using electric appliances by installing an electric adapter, and connecting between the new adapter and the existing main cable with the new underground cables (1,006m). Upon the completion of the project, 800 people who use the electricity in Kufur-al-Deek benefit from the project.

Also extended a grant of (USD 89,660) to Rafat village council to improve the residence access to sufficient electricity by installing electric adapter, and replacing of old cables of 800m with new ones. Upon the completion of the project, 1500 person living in Rafat benefits from the new electrical adapter and cable.

In his speech, Mr. TABUCHI Yusuke 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 USD 2.2 billion, to the Palestinians. GGP projects have been formulated in collaboration with the Palestinian Authority through Ministry of Finance and Planning since 2010. (END)