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Opening Project for the Rehabilitation of Ateel Water Network funded by Japan

Today, May 22nd, 2023, Mr. NAKASHIMA Yoichi, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Ateel in Tulkarem Governorate to celebrate the completion of a project 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 84,675) to Ateel Municipality to improve the water supply and to provide 350 households with clean and cheap tapped water in 7 locations at Ateel village by replacing 1,600 meters of old and damaged water pipelines. Upon the completion of the project, 2000 residents from Ateel will benefit from the new water network.

In his speech, Mr. NAKASHIMA Yoichi 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 2.3 billion, to the Palestinians. GGP projects have been formulated in collaboration with the Palestinian Authority through Ministry of Finance and Planning since 2010. (END)