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**PRESS RELEASE**

**The Project for construction of a pedestrian bridge in Al-Qarara city, Gaza Strip**

On September 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, Mr. Yoichi Nakashima, The Japanese Ambassador for Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Al-Qarara in Gaza Strip to celebrate the completion of the project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)**.

A grant of USD 121,992 was extended to Bayader for Environment & Development Association to constructing a pedestrian bridge to ensure the school's students and the residents' safety surrounded Salahuldeen Street at Al-Qarara City.

Upon the completion of the project, more than 7,000 students daily in addition to 300 patients will benefit direct from the bridge project and thousands of other users including disable community.

In his speech, Mr. Yoichi Nakashima 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 government, the civil institutions, municipalities, and the private sector since 2010.

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