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**Japan Marks the Completion of its Grassroots
Development Project for the Expansion of Al-Jeeb
Elementary School**

On February 12, 2026, Mr. ARAIKE Katsuhiko, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and the Representative of Japan to Palestine, on his visit to Al-Jeeb, Jerusalem Governorate, marked the completion of the project for the Expansion of Al-Jeeb Elementary School as part of Japan's Grants for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGPs) and handed over the management to Al-Jeeb Municipality for the future maintenance and operation.

In February 2024, the Government of Japan extended a grant of USD 127,286 to Al-Jeeb Municipality to facilitate adding three classrooms to the only public elementary school in the area with an objective of improving learning environment for 45 pupils and enabling accommodation of 120 pupils to formal primary education.

In his speech, Mr. Araiike emphasized Japan's firm commitment to supporting Palestine's nation-building efforts as well as celebrated the resilience and perseverance of citizens against systemic shocks to their socioeconomic freedom. Japan continues to support grassroots' initiatives to tackle development challenges of the Palestinian people from the human security perspective

Since 1993, the Government of Japan has extended approximately USD 2.6 billion in Official Development Assistance to Palestine. Its GGPs have been implemented by non-profit organizations in Palestine since 2010 in priority areas identified through the discussion with the Palestinian Authority. (END)



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