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Japan Marks the Completion of its Grassroots Development Project for the Expansion of Electricity Network in Deir Ballut

On November 18, 2026, Mr. ARAIKE Katsuhiko, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and the Representative of Japan to Palestine attended a ceremony in Deir Ballut, Salfit Governorate, to mark the completion of the project for the Expansion of Electricity Network in Deir Ballut, implemented under Japan's Grants for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGPs). At the ceremony, he formally handed over responsibility for the management to Deir Ballut Municipality for the future operation and maintenance.

In January 2024, the Government of Japan extended a grant of USD 72,980 to Deir Ballut Municipality to support the installation of a 630 kVA transformer, 300 metres of high-voltage line, 100 metres of low-voltage line and related electrical infrastructure in the area with the aim of improving electricity access for 4,000 residents in Deir Ballout. Following the completion of the project, the upgraded electricity network is expected to benefit approximately 5,500 residents by providing a more stable electricity supply.

In his speech, Mr. Araike reaffirmed Japan's firm commitment to supporting Palestine's nation-building efforts and paid tribute to the resilience and perseverance of citizens in the face of ongoing challenges and restrictions affecting their daily lives and livelihood. 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 2.8 billion in Official Development Assistance to Palestine. Its GGPs have been implemented by non-profit organizations in Palestine since 1993 in priority areas identified though the discussion with the Palestinian Authority.

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