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Exchange of Notes on Grant Aid (Food Assistance) through UNRWA for Palestine Refugees

1. On August 28, 2018, in Jerusalem, the Japanese Ambassador for Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, and Commissioner-General of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Mr. Pierre Krahenbuhl, exchanged the notes on 600 million-yen (approximately USD 5.4 million) Grant Aid for providing food assistance for Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip through UNRWA.
2. Food provision to Palestine refugees in Palestine has been largely impacted by the recent increase in food prices and mobility restriction of people and goods by the Government of Israel. Especially, about 47% of Palestinian refugees in Gaza suffer from shortage of foods.
3. This assistance implements food assistance with the aim of improving humanitarian situation of Palestinian refugees by providing foods through UNRWA.
4. This assistance is a part of the Japan's support to Palestine announced by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during the Japan-Palestine summit meeting held in Palestine on May 1, 2018.