

Speech by Mr. Tetsuo Shioguchi
Ambassador of Japan to Jordan
At the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract for
the Project for the Second Floor Addition to the Moab
Center for Special Education,
On February 20, 2010 at the Moab Center for Special
Education in Karak

Mr. Khaled Hamoud Al-Tarawneh, the President of
Al-Khaldieh Charitable Society,
Members of Al-Kaldieh Charitable Society,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

السلام عليكم
أنا سعيد بأن أكون هنا اليوم
أنا إسمي شيو غوتشي،
وأنا السفير الياباني في الأردن،

It is a great pleasure to sign, on behalf of the Government of Japan, the grant contract of the Project for the Second Floor Addition to the Moab Center for Special Education.

Under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots human Security Projects, the sum of approximately Ninety Six thousand Seven Hundred Fifty One US Dollars (US\$96,751), equivalent to Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Jordan Diner (68,500JD) will be granted to Al-Khaldieh Charitable Society.

I have learned that Al-Khaldia Society has implemented many projects such as job training for underprivileged people, the management of a kindergarten for orphans as well as the special education center. The Special Education Center, to which today's grant is to be extended was established in 2004. Since then, this Center has been the hub for special education in Mazar district, Karak. The grant is to be used for

additionally constructing the second floor of the center to receive more students for special needs.

Japan has been promoting diplomacy with an emphasis on the perspective of human security. Human security is to endeavor to empower people and societies through NGOs and other civil societies so that individuals can enjoy self sufficient lives. This is a why we decided to provide assistance to the Society.

The total amount of the Japanese economic cooperation extended to the people in Jordan for the last decades is more than 3 Billion US dollars (US\$ 3,000,000,000), more than Two Billion Jordan Dinar (2,000,000,000 JD). We would like to make further efforts to help the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan so that Jordan could achieve its aspirations in improving the living standards of its people. I hope this assistance would further promote the existing significant partnership between our two countries.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to Mr. Khaled Hamoud Al-Taraouneh, the President of Al-Khaldieh Charitable Society and members of Al-Kaldieh Charitable Society for their dedication to serve people who are in need of external support as well as to mitigate the harsh living condition of people in Jordan.

In closing, I wish to commend the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for its continuous endeavors to improve the lives of its people. Let us continue to build the bonds of friendship and goodwill through cooperation and mutual respect for each other.

Thank you.

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