

Speech by Mr. Tetsuo Shioguchi
Ambassador of Japan to Jordan
At the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract for
The Project for the Improvement of Medical Equipment for Al
Hussein Labor Clinics on February 15, 2010
at General Union of Jordanian Miners Workers in Mining and
Metal Industries

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Mr.Khalid Zahir Al Fanatseh, President of the General Union of
Jordanian Miners, Workers in Mining and Metal Industries and
Chairman of Al Hussein Labor Clinics,
The Members of Al Hussein Labor Clinics,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

السلام عليكم
أنا سعيد بأن أكون هنا اليوم
أنا إسمي شيو غوتشي،
وأنا السفير الياباني في الأردن،
(アッサラーム アライクム。)
(アナ サイド ピアン アクーナ フナ アルヨウム。)
(アナ イスミ シオグチ、)
(アナ アッサフィール ヤーバーニ フィー ル・オルドン。)

It is a great pleasure to sign, on behalf of the Government of Japan, the grant contract of the Project for the Improvement of Medical Equipment for Al Hussein Labor Clinics. Under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, the sum of approximately Ninety Thousand Two hundred Ninety Six US Dollars (US\$90,296), equivalent to Sixty Three thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine Jordan Dinar (63,929JD) will be granted to the Clinics.

I have learned that Al Hussein Labor Clinics under the umbrella of 'General Union of Jordanian Miners, Workers in Mining and Metal Industries' has five clinics to provide the high-quality medical service to the labor in Amman, Zarqa and Karak since 1974. Today's grant is to be donated to Ragadan Clinic, one of the five clinics, for installing the new medical equipment. I truly hope that our assistance will contribute to the improvement of the clinic.

As for the health sector, the Japanese Government has supported the improvement of medical system through providing ambulances and equipment installed at various hospitals to enhance the accessibility to the medical care in all areas inside Jordan. We would like to continuously support this sector.

In addition, 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 Clinic.

The total amount of Japanese economic cooperation which has been extended to the people in Jordan for the last decades including the projects in the field of human security is more than 3 Billion US dollars (US\$ 3,000,000,000), more than Two Billion Jordanian Dinars (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.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to Mr. Al Fanatseh, President of General Union of Jordanian Miners and all members of Labors Clinic for your dedication to serve people who are in need of external support as well as to mitigate the harsh living condition of people in Jordan.

Thank you.

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