

Speech by H. E. Mr. Tetsuo Shioguchi
Ambassador of Japan to Jordan
At the Signing Ceremony of a Grant Contract for
The Project for Upgrading the Ultrasound Equipment in
Mahata, March 18, 2010 at Headquarters of the Jordan
Association for Family Planning and Protection (JAFPP)

Mr. Saoud Al Barary President of Jordan Association for Family Planning and Protection (JAFPP),

Mr. Bassam Anis, Executive Director of JAFPP,

Members of the association,

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

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It is a great pleasure to sign, on behalf of the Government of Japan, a grant contract of the Project for Upgrading the Ultrasound Equipment in Mahata. Under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, the sum of approximately Thirty Eight Thousand Seven hundred Ninety US Dollars (US\$38,790), equivalent to Twenty Seven thousand Four Hundred Sixty Three Jordan Dinar (27,463JD) will be granted to the association.

I have learned that JAFPP is a voluntary non – profit organization that provides high quality reproductive health services and programs for women and families through a cadre of well trained female physicians and staff.

In this regard, today's grant will be donated for the purpose of purchasing two highly developed ultrasound machines which will be installed at Al Mahata Clinic, one of JAFPP 19 clinics which are operating across the Kingdom. I truly aspire that our assistance will contribute to the improvement of the association's services.

Regarding the medical sector, the Japanese Government has supported the improvement of medical system in Jordan by means of providing ambulances and equipment that were installed at numerous hospitals, in order to enhance the accessibility of the people to medical care across the Kingdom; we truly wish to continuously support this sector.

Furthermore, Japan promotes a diplomacy that emphasizes the perspective of human security, which endeavors to empower people and societies through NGOs and other civil societies so that individuals can enjoy self sufficient lives. This is the reason we decided to provide our assistance to the Association.

Moreover the total amount of Japanese economic cooperation which has been extended to the people of Jordan for the last decades exceeded 3 Billion US dollars (US\$ 3,000,000,000), which is more than Two Billion Jordan Dinar (2,000,000,000 JD). We wish to make further efforts to help the Jordanian people and their government 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 Barary and Mr. Anis, and to all members of the Association for your dedication to serve people in need of external support, and to mitigate the harsh living conditions of the Jordanian people.

Thank you.

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