

Speech by H.E. Mr. Tetsuo Shioguchi
Ambassador of Japan to Jordan
At the Signing Ceremony of Grant Contract for
The Project for Improvement
Rehabilitation Facilities, March 14, 2010,

Mrs. Haifa Al-Bashir, President of Jordan Psychiatric Rehabilitation Society,
Members of Jordan Psychiatric Rehabilitation 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 Improvement of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Facilities.

Under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots human Security Projects, the sum of approximately Seventy Nine thousand Four Hundred Forty Nine US Dollars (US\$79,449), equivalent to Fifty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Jordanian Dinars (56,250JD) will be granted to Jordan Psychiatric Rehabilitation Society.

I have learned that Jordan Psychiatric Rehabilitation Society was established in 1989 to provide specialized rehabilitation care as well as supervising and following up the treatment of those who need its services. I also have learned that in 2003 the society opened Al-Safsaf Rehabilitation center in Na'our to provide care for the mentally and addicted persons in cooperation with their families and to assist in finding job opportunities once rehabilitation is over.

The grant will be used for purchasing necessary equipment for Al Safsaf Rehabilitation Center such as a laundry machine, a refrigerator, a freezer and monitor cameras. Today's grant aid is the second one by the Embassy to the Society. The first grant aid was in 2002 and amounted to US\$73,081.

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 Ms. Haifa Al-Bashir, President of Jordan Psychiatric Rehabilitation Society and members of the Society and Al Safsaf Center 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.

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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