

Speech by H.E. Mr. Tetsuo Shioguchi
Ambassador of Japan to Jordan
At the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract for
The Project for Improving the Medical Environment in Taibeh
On March 16, 2010

His Excellency Mr. Khalid Abu Zeid Governor of Irbid

Mr. Ahmad Awad Al Qura'an, President of Taibeh Charity Association,
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, the grant contract of the Project for Improving the Medical Environment in Taibeh. Under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, the sum of approximately Sixty Seven Thousand Four hundred Ninety Four US Dollars (US\$67,494), equivalent to Forty Seven thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Five Jordan Dinar (47,785JD) will be granted to Taibeh Charity Society.

I have learned that Taibeh Charity Association has been running a vocational training center and a kindergarten for underprivileged people. I also have known that the society has been providing services as a rehabilitation facility for disabled individuals since the Association was established in 1964.

Today's grant will be donated for the purpose of installing medical equipment in a clinic which to be established by the Association this year. I truly aspire that our assistance will contribute to the improvement of the medical service in Taibeh.

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 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 Jordanian people 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 people of Jordan 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. Ahmad Awad Al Qura'an, President of Taibeh Charity Association, and to the 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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