

**Remark by Ambassador Shioguchi
At the Signing Ceremony of E/N on
The Projects for Energy Conservation through Upgrading
Water Supply Network and for Introduction of Clean
Energy by Solar Electricity Generation System**

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to His Excellency Dr. Jafar Hassan, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, for His Excellency's untiring and constant efforts toward the economic and social development in Jordan.

Today, on behalf of the Government of Japan, I am very much pleased and honored to sign with His Excellency Minister Hassan the Exchange of Notes of the two Projects; the Project for Energy Conservation through Upgrading Water Supply Network and the project of for Introduction of Clean Energy by Solar Electricity Generation System.

Climate change affects the entire globe and requires long-term and international efforts.

H.E. Dr. Yukio HATOYAMA, Prime Minister of Japan announced Japan's aim to reduce its emissions by 25% by 2020 if compared to the 1990 level, despite concerns of the industry.

In addition to that, taking the occasion of the COP 15 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in December,

Japan also announced that it would provide assistance to developing countries in the amount of about 15 billion US dollars in total up to 2012, including 11 billion in public financing. These are premised upon the establishment of a fair and effective international framework by all major economies and agreement on their ambitious targets.

Japan fully recognizes that the importance of financial assistance and technology transfer for tackling climate change by developed countries to partners' countries especially to Jordan.

In this regard, last year, the Government of Japan decided to extend to Jordan two grants totally up to One billion and Seven hundred and Seventy Two million Japanese Yen (¥ 1,772,000,000), approximately Twenty million US dollars (USD20,000,000) or Fourteen million Jordan Dinar (JD14,000,000) at the current exchange rate, under "Japan's Program Grant Aid for Environment and Climate Change" which was introduced as a new grant aid scheme as part of its assistance for measures to climate change.

I am confident that these projects will be strengthening friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries and also promoting the efforts by the Government of Jordan to address climate change with special emphasis on the adaptation to and the mitigation of climate change as well as on the improvement of access to clean energy

In closing, I wish the Government and people of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan further development and prosperity. I hope the projects will be remembered by our Jordanian friends as a token of the friendship and goodwill between Jordan and Japan.

Thank you