

**Embassy of Japan in Jordan**  
**Press Release**



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**OPENING CEREMONY FOR UNIDO RAINING  
ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAMME (EDP)**

The Government of Japan has extended to UNIDO a grant in total of 1.9 million US dollars to finance the project titled “Creating Employment and Improving Food Security in the Host Communities of Syrian Refugees in Northern and Central Badia in Jordan”.

The opening ceremony of the new Training of Entrepreneurship Development (EDP) Program that is part of the above mentioned project was held at the Um Seileh Charity Association in Zarqa on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the presence of H.E. Ambassador of Japan Mr. Shuichi Sakurai, and H.E. the Secretary General at Ministry of Agriculture Dr. Radi Tarawneh, and the UNIDO Representative to Lebanon, Jordan and Syria, Mr. Christiano Pasini.

The overall objective of the project by UNIDO, which is funded by the Government of Japan, is to improve food security and to create employment opportunities in the host communities affected by the influx of the Syrian refugees; whereby to contribute to social stabilization of the host communities affected by the Syrian crisis. The objective of EDP programme, which is part of the project, is to increase the entrepreneurial skills for the trainees engaged in the agri-business, in order to enable them to match the market requirements and needs.

In a speech delivered during the opening ceremony H.E. the Ambassador stated: *“Currently, entrepreneurship is known as the engine of decent employment generation and can provide important contribution to sustainable development by creating jobs, by driving economic growth and innovation and by fostering local*

*economic development. Therefore, I believe the entrepreneurship development training is extremely important to enhance the entrepreneurial skills of the participants so that the participants can create their own business and become change agents in their societies.”*

During the year 2016, the government of Japan has extended approximately 59 million US dollars to the international organization operating in Jordan, of which 1.9 million dollars has been allocated for this project. (End)

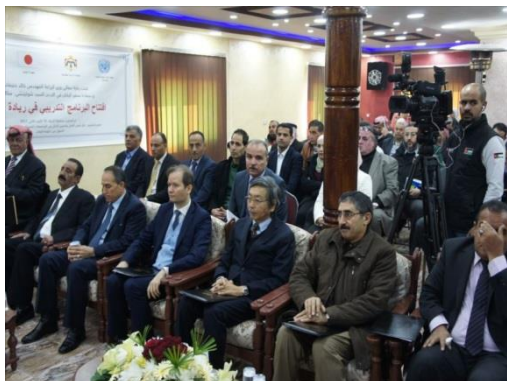
Speech by the Ambassador



Speech by the representative of UNIDO



Inside of the venue where the event was held



Commemorative gift for the ambassador



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