



Embassy of Japan in Jordan

Press Release



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Roundtable Discussion on Human Rights of All Migrants

The Government of Japan has extended to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) a grant in total of six hundred and twelve thousand and six hundred and fifty (612,650) US dollars to finance the project entitled “ Providing Humanitarian Support to Refugees and Strengthening the Border Management Capacity of the Government of Jordan to Enhance Border Security”.

The roundtable discussion on human rights of all migrants was held at the Le Meridien Hotel in Amman on Wednesday May 3rd 2017, with the presence of H.E Shuichi Sakurai, Ambassador of Japan, Mr. Munther Abu Al-Obaid, Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Mr. Anders Pedersen, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator and Mr. Enrico Ponziani, Chief of Mission of IOM in Jordan. The overall objective of the round table discussion is to support the government of Jordan in launching the process of the national consultations within the framework of the “Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”.

“The Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”, which was proposed in the “New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrant” adopted at the UN summit of September 2016, will be the first inter-governmentally negotiated agreement addressing migration issues. The compact is a significant opportunity to improve the governance on migration, to address the challenges associated with current migration trends, and to strengthen the contribution of migrants and migration to sustainable development.

In a speech delivered during the ceremony H.E. the Ambassador stated:

“Today, the world faces an unprecedented level of refugees and migrant movement. In 2015, number of migrants surpassed 244 million; and also, there are roughly

65 million forcibly displaced persons, including over 21 million refugees who mainly fled their countries due to the conflicts.... As a member of the international community, the Government of Japan is delighted to support today's round table discussion, which will be the first event aiming to support the Jordanian national efforts, for adopting the Compact by 2018. The Government of Japan welcomes IOM's engagement in providing the technical support throughout this process. ”

This year, the Government of Japan has extended approximately 29 million US dollars to the international organizations and NGOs operating in Jordan, where the amount of USD 612,650 was allocated to IOM for this project. (End)

Speech by the Ambassador



Speech by the UN Resident Coordinator



Participants of the round table discussion



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