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A Japanese Grant of US\$ 78,515 for Providing Braille Educational Equipment to an NGO

The Government of Japan has decided to extend a grant of seventy eight thousand and five hundred and fifteen US dollars (US\$ 78,515) to an NGO named Friendship Association of the Blind for the provision of eight Braille Senses (portable braille notetakers) and five Braille Embossers (portable braille printers) under the scheme called Grant Assistance for Grass-roots and Human Security Projects (GGP).

The Grant Contract was signed on December 21st, 2017 by H.E. Mr. Hidenao Yanagi, Ambassador of Japan to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Mr. Ahmad Allouzi, Chairman of Friendship Association of the Blind, in presence of H.E. Mrs. Hala Bseiso Lattouf, Minister of Social Development.

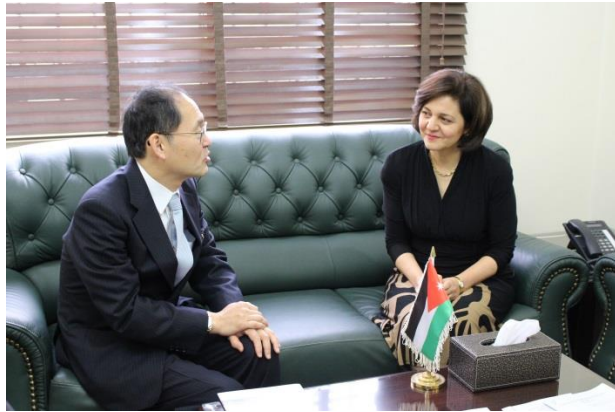
This grant assistance aims at promoting the employment of visually impaired persons and supporting them to gain more self-independence both socially and financially, through the provision of braille educational equipment used for the vocational training. The association was established in 1977 as an NGO in Jordan and has been conducting braille trainings and other various supports in the field of disability aid. With the new equipment provided by Japan, more visually impaired persons can receive the vocational trainings to improve their employability.

At the signing ceremony, His Excellency the Ambassador expressed his gratitude to the Friendship Association of the Blind's great contribution to the society and stated: *"The Government of Japan decided to support this project, because there is a pronounced shortage of opportunity to learn knowledge and skills needed to enhance employability among visually impaired persons. I would like to emphasize that Japan always pays its due attention to the socially vulnerable persons, including persons with disabilities in its development cooperation, and currently we are further enhancing the assistance for the empowerment of persons with disability worldwide. In this connection let me draw your attention that Japan will host the Tokyo Paralympic games in 2020 which aims at promoting athletic achievement in the lives of persons with disability."*

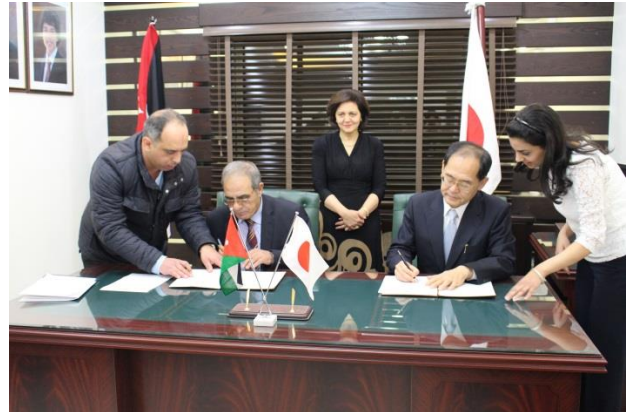
Under Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, Japan has extended more than nine million US Dollars (9,000,000 USD) for 140 projects to non-governmental organizations, schools, hospitals, and local governments in Jordan since 1993.

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Meeting with Minister of Social Development



Signing of Grant Contract



Commemorative gift for the ambassador



Tour of the NGO's activity

