

## **Reopening Ceremony of the Karak Archeological Museum**

On 23 March, 2019, a ceremony to celebrate the reopening of the Karak Archeological Museum was held and attended by many guests, including H.E. Mr. Hidenao YANAGI, Ambassador of Japan to Jordan, H.E. Mr. Yazid Al-Ayan, Acting Director of Department of Antiquities, Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, on behalf of H.E. Ms. Majd Shweikeh, Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Jordan and Mr. Tsutomu KOBAYASHI, Chief Representative of JICA Jordan Office. Karak Archeological Museum was constructed as a part of the Japanese yen loan project entitled “Tourism Sector Development Project”. It once opened 2004, but has been closed since December, 2014 to move to present building.

The renewed museum utilizes QR code which enables visitors to get information about its exhibitions by using such devices as smartphone without Internet connection. The explanations are translated into 10 languages, including Arabic, English, Japanese and other major languages to receive visitors from all the countries of the world. This is a very unique attempt not only in Jordan but also among the Middle East countries. Also, at the same time as this reopening, a new web page which provides tourist information around Karaku region is launched (<http://www.visitkarak.com/en/>) .

Embassy of Japan in Jordan hopes that this museum contributes to the development of Karak and Jordan.



**Speech by H.E. Mr. Hidenao YANAGI**



**Tour inside the Museum**