

## Opening Ceremony of the Petra Museum

On 18 April, 2019, a ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Petra Museum was held and attended by many guests, including H.R.H Crown Prince Al Hussein Bin Abdullah II, H.E. Mr. Hidenao YANAGI, Ambassador of Japan to Jordan, Her Excellency Dr. Mary Kwar, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, H.E. Dr. Suleiman Farajat, Chief Commissioner of Petra Development and Tourism Regional Authority, and Mr. Kazuhiko Koshikawa, Vice President of JICA. The Government of Japan extended grant assistance with approximately Seven Million USD for the construction of this Petra Museum, and the Museum has opened with the help of JICA's technical support.

The museum accommodates over 300 artifacts found in Petra region, which date back to Early Stone Ages. 6 videos and 22 interactive screens will help the visitors learn how the people in ancient civilization were living and also how they coped with severe climate and geographic condition, utilizing their wisdom and skills. The museum is expected to attract more visitors from all over the world as a tourist center, introducing history and culture of the region.

Many of the participants in the ceremony expressed their appreciation for Japanese generous support for the project.



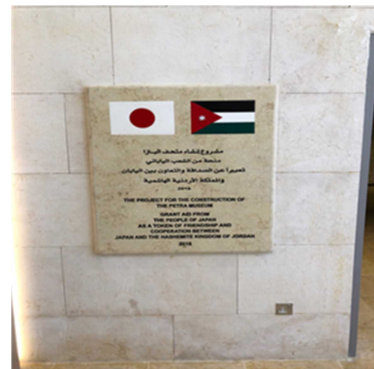
Group Photograph with H.R.H. Crown Prince



Speech by H.E. Mr. Hidenao YANAGI  
( in honor of H.R.H. Crown Prince )



Exterior appearance of the Museum



Plaque notifying Japanese Grant assistance  
( at the entrance of the Gallery )