

## Opening ceremony of the Emergency Operation Center in JNRCS

On 13 December 2020, H.E. Mr. SHIMAZAKI Kaoru, Ambassador of Japan to Jordan, attended the opening ceremony of the Emergency Operation Center in Jordan Red Crescent Society (JNRCS), which is established through funding support to IFRC from Government of Japan, and delivered a speech at the ceremony.

Government of Japan extended an assistance of approximately 24 million USD to the IFRC project titled *“The response operation to COVID-19 Outbreak in Iran”* and *“IFRC Response to COVID-19 Outbreak”* in the neighboring countries in 2020. 750 thousand USD is allocated to the project in Jordan which includes distribution of food parcel and vouchers to thousands of families, distribution of thousands medicine parcels to chronically ill and elderly patients who cannot reach clinics, community projects to ensure safe running water and soap in public schools and establishment of the Emergency Operation Center in the JNRCS.

The Emergency Operation Center aims to ensuring the progress of humanitarian operations in Jordan and enhancing communication and coordination with all related authorities during normal and emergency situation like the pandemic of COVID-19, in addition to detecting, analyzing and evaluating risks to ensure a quick and effective response to an emergency.

In the ceremony, Dr. Mohammed Al Hadid, Representative of JNRCS and Dr. Muftah ETWILB, Representative of IFRC Jordan also delivered their speech. Many JNRCS staff and IFRC Jordan staff who participated in the ceremony expressed their appreciation for Japanese generous support for the project and Dr. Mohammed Al Hadid mentioned that they would like to name the Emergency Operation Center *“Tokyo Operation Room.”*



Speech by Ambassador SHIMAZAKI



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