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**Japan Handover Medical Equipment to Equip Hearing and Visual Clinic
in Azraq Syrian Refugee Camp
to International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)**

The handover ceremony of Medical Equipment was held on Monday May 24th 2021, in the presence of H.E. Mr. SHIMAZAKI Kaoru, Ambassador of Japan to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Mrs. Loren Hyatt, the Country Representative of IOCC, Jordan. In light of the current entrance regulation to Azraq camp under the pandemic of Covid-19, the ceremony was held online.

In 2019, the Government of Japan extended to IOCC a grant in total of eighty-seven thousand three hundred and nineteen US dollars (US\$ 87,319) for the implementation of the project entitled “the Project for Equipping Hearing and Visual Clinic in Azraq Syrian Refugee Camp” through the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects called GGP which aims to improve basic human needs at the grass-roots level through NGOs and local governments.

This grant assistance aims to improve the quality of medical services provided at IOCC’s hearing and visual clinic in the camp, through the provision of medical equipment to conduct hearing and eyesight test. In addition, a van to transport patients inside the camp was also provided with the grant. IOCC started its operation in Jordan in 2005 and has implemented long-term development and resilience activities for vulnerable Jordanians, as well as humanitarian programs in response to influxes of Syrian refugees. Since 2017, IOCC has been supporting Syrian refugees with disabilities in Azraq camp by providing needed hearing and visual diagnosis services. The new medical equipment provided by Japan is expected to enable medical specialists to provide more accurate and immediate diagnosis and the required treatment afterwards in the camp.

In the speech delivered during the handover ceremony H.E. the Ambassador SHIMAZAKI emphasized the importance of the project and stated: *“This unprecedented global crisis of the COVID-19 has deteriorated the living standard of socially vulnerable people making them more vulnerable, and threatened their*

dignified life. Therefore, it is obvious that the concept of Universal Health Coverage has become increasingly important to realize a society where “no one will be left behind”. I ardently hope that this project will contribute to the realization of Universal Health Coverage and eventually to a better future for people with disabilities. ”

Under Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, Japan has extended more than 10 million US dollars for 150 projects to NGOs, schools, hospitals, and local governments in Jordan since 1993.

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Introduction of the Equipment



Commemorative Photo (Ambassador-SHIMAZAKI: center, Country Representative of IOCC-Mrs. Hyatt: center left)

