

## Embassy of Japan in Jordan Press Release



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### **Japan hands over rehabilitation equipment to improve living conditions of people with disabilities**

The handover ceremony of rehabilitation equipment was held on Wednesday August 24th 2022, in the presence of H.E. Mr. SHIMAZAKI Kaoru, Ambassador of Japan to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, H.E. Bishop Jamal Khader, Patriarchal Vicar for Latins in Jordan, H.E. Monsignor Mauro Lalli, Chargé d'Affaires at the Apostolic Nunciature in Jordan, and Father Dr. Shawqi Batarian, Director General of Our Lady of Peace Center.

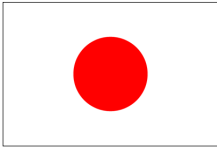
In 2021, the Government of Japan extended a grant of eighty-nine thousand nine hundred and seventeen US dollars (US\$ 89,917) to Our Lady of Peace Center for the provision of rehabilitation equipment under the scheme called Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GHP).

This grant assistance aims at improving the center's rehabilitation services provided to people with disabilities, especially those in great need, through the provision of new and specialised rehabilitation equipment which is crucial to improving their health, well-being, pain management, body motion and strength. Since its establishment in 2004, the center has provided free daily services in a caring environment for people with disabilities, regardless of religious, social and financial background. This project will contribute to improving the quality and sustainability of the rehabilitation services at the center for people with disabilities including refugees.

In the speech delivered during the handover ceremony, Ambassador SHIMAZAKI expressed his gratitude to Our Lady of Peace Center's great contribution to the society and stated: *"Needless to say, people with disabilities are likely to face various socio-economic challenges due to physical, financial, and social barriers. To make the matter worse, their life and socio-economic circumstances have been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, support for those people is a critical component of "human security", and the effort of the Government of Japan to enhance human security is based on a provision of Japan's Official Development Assistance Charter. We sincerely hope that this project will contribute to the improvement of their health and promotion of their future social participation, and eventually, realization of a society where no one will be left behind."*

Under Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, Japan has extended more than 10 million US Dollars for 153 projects to non-governmental organizations, schools, hospitals, and local governments in Jordan since 1993.

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Welcoming Ambassador by a User of the Center



Ambassador's speech



Rehabilitation Center Tour



Commemorative Photo

