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## Japan Held a Completion Ceremony at United Palestinian Appeal for Renovation of Building to Establish Community Center

The completion ceremony for the project for Renovation of Building to Establish Community Center in Jerash Palestinian Refugee Camp was held on Monday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2023, in the presence of Mr. OKUYAMA Jiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Ms. Tina Bajec, Senior Director of Donor Engagement of the United Palestinian Appeal (UPA).

In November 2021, the Government of Japan extended a grant of ninety-one thousand five hundred and thirty-eight US dollars (US\$ 91,538) to UPA for the renovation of building under the scheme called Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP).

This grant assistance aims to establish a community center in Jerash Palestinian Refugee Camp, where UPA will provide various activities such as education, healthcare and business development for camp residents. Moreover, the community center will be used as a communal space for social interaction among the residents for those who have limited facilities to interact with others. Renovating a building can directly tackle with various problems which the Jerash camp has been facing, and improve their socio-economic activities.

In the speech delivered during the completion ceremony, Ambassador OKUYAMA expressed his appreciation to UPA's social contribution and stated: "While it is undoubtedly difficult to tackle various problems that you face at once, we sincerely hope this Japanese support will help those who try to make things better, and contribute to their empowerment and improvement of their living condition".

Under Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, Japan has extended more than 10 million US Dollars for 157 projects to non-governmental organizations, schools, hospitals, and local governments in Jordan since 1993.

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