



JAPAN AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN VISITS UNRWA SCHOOL AND HEALTH CENTRE IN Baqa'a Palestine Refugee Camp

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Mr. OKUYAMA Jiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, visited a school and health centre of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in Baqa'a Palestine Refugee Camp today. The Ambassador was briefed by Mr. Olaf Becker, Acting Director of UNRWA Affairs in Jordan about the situation of Palestine refugees and had dialogue with school student representatives. He also visited UNRWA health centre and a shelter of Palestine refugees from Syria to understand the situation and to evaluate the effects of Japan's assistance.

This year, the Government of Japan marks its 70th year anniversary of support to UNRWA since 1953. In 2022, it was ranked as the Agency's 6th largest donor, with a total contribution of US\$30.2 million. As of March 2023, the Government of Japan has contributed US\$33.2 million to UNRWA as an early supplemental disbursement, considering the critical financial needs of the Agency. This supplemental contribution will assist in supporting UNRWA's Emergency Appeals for Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, and the occupied Palestinian territory. The contribution includes US\$ 5 million for Jordan Field to enhance the human security of Palestine refugees in Jordan related to food security and provision of basic health care and education services as the region experiences the impact of COVID-19.

Moreover, the Government of Japan has extended its support to UNRWA with a donation of US\$5.5 million, which will be utilized as Emergency Grant Aid for Palestine refugees in Gaza and Syria in response to global food security and another US\$0.5 million as Emergency Grant Aid in response to the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.



UNRWA school



UNRWA health centre



Baqa'a Palestine Refugee Camp



Japan's support