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Japan hands over Medical Equipment to The Jordan Medical Aid for Palestinians

The Government of Japan handed over medical equipment to the Jordan Medical Aid for Palestinians (JMAP) on Monday 27th of November, in the presence of Mr. OKUYAMA Jiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Mr. Michael Al Sayegh, President of the Board of Directors of JMAP.

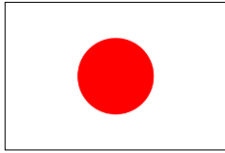
In March 2023, the Government of Japan extended a grant of sixty-five thousand six hundred and seventy-seven US dollars (US\$ 65,677) to JMAP for the procurement of medical equipment under the scheme called Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP).

This grant assistance aims to enhance the quality of medical services provided at the medical center in the Hitten Palestinian Refugee Camp, through the provision of a new X-ray machine, electroencephalograph, and electromyography equipment. The provision of new medical equipment allows for the establishment of a neurology department, which will provide more comprehensive medical services. The patients will no longer have to be referred to a hospital outside the camp, hitherto a significant burden for patients economically who don't have health insurance.

JMAP was established in 1990 as an NGO in Jordan. Since then, the organization has provided medical services to Palestinian Refugees in a refugee camps at an affordable prices or free of charge. With the new medical equipment provided by the Japanese grant, the medical center will be able to provide safer and more accurate services and improve access to medical services for underprivileged people in the camp.

In the speech delivered, Ambassador OKUYAMA expressed his gratitude to the JMAP for its important contribution to society and stated: *“As JMAP is staffed with dedicated healthcare professionals, I have no doubt that these medical equipment will be utilized effectively and efficiently to save more lives, alleviate suffering, and contribute to the overall well-being of the community in the camp.”* He also referred to the tragic situation in Gaza and emphasized *“All parties should comply with international law including international humanitarian law. In addition, it is necessary to take all possible measure in order to prevent harm to civilians in military operations.”*

President of the Board of Directors of JMAP, Mr. Michael Al Sayegh extended his appreciation to the Government of Japan and the Embassy of Japan for this generous grant and highlighted the importance of the new medical equipment.



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Under Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, Japan has extended more than 10 million US Dollars for 158 projects to non-governmental organizations, schools, hospitals, and local governments in Jordan since 1993.

