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**A Japanese grant of US\$ 72,740 for the provision of
pottery production equipment to
Al Bawadi Company for Development and Training**

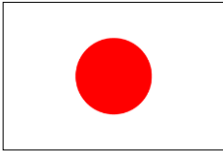
The Government of Japan has extended a grant of seventy-two thousand seven hundred and forty US dollars (US\$ 72,740) to Al Bawadi Company for Development and Training for the provision of pottery production equipment under the scheme called Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The Grant Contract was signed by H.E. Mr. OKUYAMA Jiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Mr. Emad Khreis, General Manager of Al Bawadi Company for Development and Training, in the presence of H.E. Ms. Farah Daghistani, Executive Director of the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development (JOHUD), on 31st January 2024.

This grant assistance aims to contribute to eliminate the high unemployment rate in Jordan, through the provision of pottery production equipment of a new car kiln, round electric kiln, water film glazing booth, and four electrical pottery wheels.

Al Bawadi Company for Development and Training, originally a project established by JOHUD in 1993 called Beit Al Bawadi, has to date provided vocational training and employment opportunities to unemployed women, youth, refugees and persons with disabilities. With the new pottery production equipment provided by the Japanese grant, the Al Bawadi Company will be able to provide more vocational training and contribute to the creation of employment opportunities.

During the signing of the grant contract, Ambassador OKUYAMA expressed his gratitude to company's great social contribution and stated: *"The high unemployment rate, especially among youth, women, and refugees, is said to be a challenge in Jordan. By procuring the equipment needed for vocational training, this grant will help foster pottery skills and create opportunities for those in need of vocational training and employment. This grant would hopefully make a positive contribution to the efforts to reducing the high unemployment rate."*



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In turn, H.E. Ms. Daghistani expressed her pride in the partnership between Al Bawadi Company and the Japanese Embassy, noting the support provided by the Japanese government to Beit Al-Bawadi upon its founding in 1993, which came within the framework of the deep-rooted relations of cooperation and friendship between the two friendly countries and peoples.

H.E. Ms. Daghistani confirmed that the grant will enable Al Bawadi Company to provide excellent professional preparation and labor market access to local community members who want to work in the ceramics sector, pointing out the values that this industry represents and its connection to Jordan's cultural and civilizational heritage.

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.

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