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JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR VISITS THE UNRWA SCHOOL SUMMER CLASS

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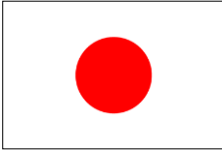
Mr. OKUYAMA Jiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on Tuesday visited Nuzha Boys and Girls Schools and observed the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) as well as UNRWA's summer camp supported by the Government of Japan. He also toured both boys and girls schools and observed the summer activities which aims to provide Palestine students with access to quality education.

During his visit, Ambassador Okuyama was briefed about UNRWA recent operations and programmes by Mr. Olaf Becker, Director of UNRWA Affairs, Jordan.

Reflecting on the visit, Ambassador Okuyama emphasised UNRWA's contribution to support and provide essentially critical services to the Palestine refugees across the region including Jordan. He also stressed that with the current regional situation, UNRWA's important role has increased not only to serve for Palestine refugees but also for the regional stability. He said, "today, I witnessed a part of the most important and vital service that UNRWA provides in Jordan, and its impacts on the next generations."

From UNRWA's side, Director of UNRWA Affairs Mr. Olaf Becker said, "We are very thankful to the Government of Japan for their renewed support. The generous contribution of \$3.32 million will significantly enhance our ability to provide essential educational, psychosocial, and protection services to Palestine refugees in Jordan. This visit underscores the critical partnership between Japan and UNRWA in our mission to support vulnerable communities and foster hope, resilience and stability. The summer activities visited today are a testament to our shared commitment to improving the lives of Palestine refugees and ensuring their right to quality education."

The Japanese Government has allocated \$3.32 million to UNRWA Jordan for 'Critical Humanitarian Assistance to Palestine Refugees in Jordan in Education, Psychosocial and Protection Services' project between April 2024 and March 2025, which provides basic needs for the vulnerable Palestine refugees as well as support for youth education and trainings.



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