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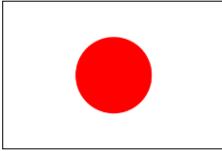
### **JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR ATTENDS THE LAUNCH CEREMONY OF UNRWA LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMME**

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Mr. OKUYAMA Jiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on Wednesday attended the launch ceremony of 'Leadership Excellence and Accountability Programme' of United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) supported by the Government of Japan. This programme aims to enhance the agency's accountability and compliance as well as front-line service delivery by providing management staff with practical learning opportunities and workshops reflecting the concept of Women, Peace and Security (WPS).

During the opening ceremony, Ambassador Okuyama highlighted the deep-rooted partnership between Japan and UNRWA which marked 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. He also reaffirmed the commitment of Japan to continue supporting UNRWA which provides essentially critical services to Palestine refugees all over the region and emphasized the importance of the role UNRWA has been playing.

From UNRWA's side, Deputy Commissioner General Ms. Natalie Boucly and Director of UNRWA Affairs Mr. Olaf Becker highlighted the agency's strong commitment to strengthen governance practices, ensure transparency and uphold UNRWA's values of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence through the programme.



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