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### **JAPAN'S PARLIAMENTARY VICE-MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS VISITS UNRWA SCHOOL AND HEALTH CENTRE**

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H.E. Hisashi Matsumoto, Japan's Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs on Tuesday visited Amman New Camp and observed the situation of Palestine refugee camp as well as the activities and services provided by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

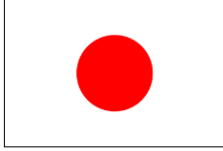
Japan's Parliamentary Vice-Minister and accompanying delegation, including Japanese Ambassador to Jordan, H.E. Hideki Asari, were welcomed by Mr. Olaf Becker, Director of UNRWA Jordan Field Office.

Mr. Matsumoto was briefed about UNRWA's operations in Jordan and the impacts of the recent regional situation on Palestine refugees in Jordan. During his visit to the UNRWA Preparatory Girls School No.2, he was briefed by the school counsellor, whose work is funded by Japan, on the mental health challenges faced by young students as a result of the recent regional situation. He, then, toured the UNRWA ANC Health Centre in the camp and observed the medical services provided by the Agency, including the Mother and Child Health Handbook developed with the support of JICA.

Mr. Matsumoto praised the hard work and commitment of the UNRWA staff to support Palestine refugees and affirmed that UNRWA plays an indispensable role in providing humanitarian assistance, medical care, educational and other supports to Palestinian refugees.

Mr. Olaf Becker expressed his sincere gratitude to the Government of Japan for its continuous political and financial support. He highlighted the crucial impact of this funding in strengthening education, protection, and psychosocial services for over a hundred thousand Palestine Refugee students, particularly during these incredibly challenging times, offering vital support to Palestine Refugees. Mr. Becker further commended Japan's commitment to fostering self-reliance, dignity and advancing the development of equitable opportunities for Palestine Refugees.

As one of the oldest partners with UNRWA, the Government of Japan 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.



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