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Launching Event of the Community Center in Abbasiyeh

On Thursday September 14, Mr. Yoshitake Naraoka, Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan to Lebanon, attended the launching event of the Community Center in Shabriha Palestinian Gatherings in Abbasiyeh. The Community Center was built through a project entitled “Supporting Palestinian Gatherings in Lebanon” that was funded by the Government of Japan and implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in collaboration with the Municipality of Abbasiyeh.

Through the Japanese grant, the UNDP and the Municipality of Abbasiyeh combined their efforts to build a Community Center that can be accessed freely by Palestinian refugees, as well as Syrian refugees and local residents. Thousands of people from different age groups can now benefit from a common space and enjoy various types of social, sports and recreational activities.

During the launching event, Mr. Naraoka extended his appreciation for the implementing parties, and described the project as a success story for enhancing social cohesion between the refugees and the host communities. Mr. Naraoka handed the keys of the Community Center to the Mayor of Abbasiyeh and joined the attendees on a tour at the newly built facility.



Counsellor Naraoka handing over the keys to the Mayor of Abbasiyeh



Multipurpose Hall at the Community Center



Counsellor Naraoka on a tour at of the center



Children playing at the park in the center