

December 27, 2013

**Statement of the Embassy of Japan in Lebanon
on the Terrorist Bombing in Down Town, Beirut**

1. The Embassy of Japan is deeply shocked and outraged by the terrorist bombing which targeted the former Minister Mohamad Shatah, causing many deaths and casualties in Down Town of Beirut, on December 27.
2. The Embassy expresses its condolences to the people of Lebanon, the bereaved families, the Former Minister Shatah's family and its heartfelt sympathies to those injured.
3. No act of terrorism can be justified for whatever reason or purpose. The Embassy of Japan firmly condemns such act of terrorism.