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The Japanese Ambassador inaugurates a Fire-Fighting project in the Shouf District

On Friday May 12 2017, the Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon, H.E Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi attended the inauguration ceremony of a project funded by the Japanese Government and implemented by the Association for Forests, Development and Conservation (AFDC) in the Shouf district.

The project was one of the last examples of the Japanese Government's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Program (GGP), through which AFDC was able to equip two centers in the villages of Dmit and Moukhtara with necessary fire-fighting tools and personal protective equipment to suppress forest fires and protect the natural heritage of the district.

AFDC's mission is to achieve sustainable development and conserve natural resources especially forests through promoting integrated management and building technical and scientific capacities, advocacy and awareness in partnership with the local communities, as well as public and private institutions.

The inauguration ceremony was held at the Dmit center where the participants observed a field demonstration by AFDC on forest fire control using the Japanese funded equipment. During his speech, the Ambassador of Japan congratulated the successful achievements of the organization and also highlighted the importance of the project to preserve the rich natural heritage of Shouf which plays a fundamental role in sustaining the local economy.



Ambassador Matahiro Yamaguchi visiting the Dmit Forest Center with AFDC



Ambassador Yamaguchi receiving an honorary shield from the Municipality of Dmit