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Japanese Embassy supports the demining activities in Lebanon

Bekfaya – Friday 26 June 2015: The Japanese Ambassador visited one of the minefields in Mount Lebanon to attend a handover ceremony of demining project. This year, the Government of Japan provided DanChurchAid (DCA) with a grant of 89,775 USD through its Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP) in order to support DCA's demining operations in Lebanon.

“We are proud to support DCA's efforts to secure the lives of people in Lebanon. Lebanon is still facing a problem of contamination of landmines and cluster munitions which pose direct threats to people's safety and such threats prevent residents from economic activities. I admire the work of organizations like DCA and excellent supervision of Lebanon Mine Action Center (LMAC)”, stated Mr. Seiichi Otsuka, the Japanese Ambassador to Lebanon.

DCA, a Danish humanitarian and development NGO, has been running its Humanitarian Mine Action Program in Lebanon since 2007 and has cleared more than 6,500,000 square meters of contaminated land, destroying over 5,800 items of explosive remnants of war.

The final beneficiaries of this action are the people living near the areas contaminated or suspected of being contaminated by landmines and cluster munitions. The equipment purchased with the supports of Japan will facilitate DCA's clearance actions, and will provide protections for field deminers.

Japan's GGP has so far extended more than US\$ 13.9 Million to Lebanon since 1996 to finance development projects implemented by NGOs, municipalities, schools and medical institutions.