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The Japanese Ambassador attends a handover ceremony in Tripoli

On November 6 2017, the Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon, H.E Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi attended the hand-over ceremony of two Japanese funded solid waste and desludging trucks to the Municipality of Deddeh, a notable accomplishment within the project of “Support to the Essential WASH needs of children and their families affected by the Syria Crisis in Lebanon” funded by the government of Japan through a USD 1.1 million grant and implemented by UNICEF in collaboration with the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, the Ministry of Energy and Water and municipalities.

The Japanese funding will enhance the sanitation and environmental conditions for residents and refugees in Northern Lebanon, one of the country’s most deprived regions. The North received in the past few years a large number of refugees and is need of substantial support in different sectors, especially the Municipality of Deddeh that is currently accommodating numerous displaced families.

Japan has been supporting UNICEF to implement its WASH activities in Northern Lebanon and Nabatieh to help mitigate the crisis in the areas affected by the Syrian influx. More than USD 21 million was provided by the Japanese Government in the last four years to support the execution of UNICEF’s development and humanitarian projects. “With the help of Japan we are able to ensure that the most vulnerable girls and boys in Lebanon are provided with the necessary water, sanitation and waste disposal services,” said Mrs. Violet Warnery, UNICEF’s deputy representative in Lebanon.

The ceremony was held at the Tripoli Serail in the presence of the North Governor, UNICEF representatives and municipality members. During his speech, Ambassador Yamaguchi highlighted the importance of the project and said “I trust that the Municipality of Deddeh and the Governorate of North Lebanon will make great use of this donation.” He added “Japan will be collaborating with UNICEF and other municipalities on further projects to help improve the living conditions of both the Lebanese host communities and refugees.” After the ceremony, the Ambassador and UNICEF representatives handed over the Japanese-funded trucks to the Municipality of Deddeh.