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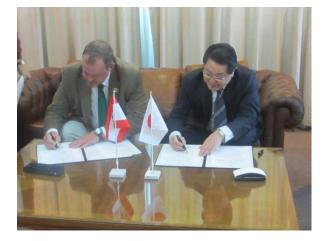
## Japan continues to support NPA for its mine clearance in Southern Lebanon

On December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon signed a new grant contract with Mr. Craig McDiarmid, Programme Manager of Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), an international NGO that has been working on the mines clearance in Lebanon for over 10 years.

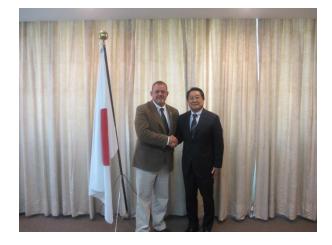
The Embassy provided a grant of USD 444,864, to fund the essential demining tools and the operational costs of the clearance team, which will continue to clear the mine contaminated lands in the Caza of Bint Jbeil, Nabatieh. This project will benefit around 10,600 people including Syrian refugees living around the contaminated areas, which will be used for agricultural and residential purposes.

Japan provided a grant to NPA for the second consecutive year and through the previous project, NPA has cleared 39,795 square meters of the contaminated land and destroyed 3,218 landmines in Southern Lebanon.

Japan will continue to support organizations that are actively working in the Lebanese mine action field, in order to help the local population regain safe access to the contaminated areas.



Mr. McDiarmid and Ambassador Yamaguchi Signing a Grant Contract



Mr. McDiarmid and Ambassador Yamaguchi Shaking Hands