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Japanese Ambassador Inaugurates the renovated center of Howard Karagheusian Association for Child Welfare in Bourj Hammoud

Beirut - 31 October 2014 The Japanese Ambassador to Lebanon, Mr. Seiichi Otsuka, inaugurated the newly renovated center of “Howard Karagheusian Association for Child Welfare” in Bourj Hammoud on Friday. The Government of Japan extended a grant of 74,400 USD for the establishment of a new dental clinic and the provision of an ultrasound machine and a power generator to the healthcare center through its Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The Japanese Ambassador stated that Japan highly appreciated the work of Howard Karagheusian Association for the provision of essential healthcare services for the people. He added that he had his dental work done at the Karagheusian Center in August and assured the quality of their services: “It is quite important to provide good health services for the needy and especially for the socially vulnerable people.”

Howard Karagheusian Commemorative Corporation (HKCC) is a medico-social network that operates in Armenia, Lebanon, and Syria. The Lebanon branch of HKCC was established in 1941 and has since been operating as a primary health care center serving the vulnerable people in Bourj Hammoud and the surrounding areas coming from all backgrounds, religions and ethnicities. The HKCC Centers focus on mother and child development, with services ranging from the medical to the social, as well as psychological and educational fields. In effect, the influx of the Syrian refugees, coupled with the vulnerable host community in the area resulted in growing demands for medical and social services.

Mr. Serop Ohanian, the director of the Howard Karagheusian Childcare Center stated: “The impact of the project is tremendous for our patients. The additional dentistry clinic and the echo-doppler machine in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic will allow children, women and the elderly to receive a better treatment and diagnosis. Also, we will be increasing our capacity to treat patients by receiving a minimum of 150 additional patients per month. The generosity of the Japanese people has now allowed the Center, through the provision of new and advanced equipment to provide better, more effective and efficient medical services to the most vulnerable segment of our population”.

Japan’s GGP has so far extended more than US\$ 12.8 Million to Lebanon since 1996 to finance development projects implemented by NGOs, municipalities, schools and medical institutions.