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### Japan Extends the Largest Grant Assistance to Lebanon under the GGP Scheme

During its fiscal year 2016, Japan extended over 2 million USD to Lebanon, through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program (GGP), which is designed to support NGOs and local municipalities. This fiscal year's grant aid is the largest annual GGP contribution to Lebanon since its start in 1996, as the total amount of the grant more than doubled over the last few years. GGP aims to mitigate the impact of the Syrian crisis on the host communities and the displaced populations in Lebanon.

The Embassy of Japan to Lebanon concluded recently the grant contracts with nine organizations: Lebanese Association for Mine and Natural Disaster Action (LAMiNDA), Norwegian People's Aid (NPA), Nour Al Moustakbal School, Rafik Hariri Governmental University Hospital, the Municipality of Bar Elias, Fondation Père Afif Osseiran, the Union of Relief and Development Associations (URDA), Irfan Establishment, and Mines Advisory Group (MAG).

Under the GGP scheme, the Government of Japan extended around 18 million USD to Lebanon since 1996, and has so far funded 248 projects implemented by NGOs, schools, municipalities and medical institutions. These projects focus on the areas of education, water, health, demining and support for people with special needs.

Japan will continue supporting Lebanon to meet the basic needs of socially and economically vulnerable people, and to improve the livelihoods of deprived communities at the grass-roots level.

The Embassy of Japan will start receiving applications for the GGP 2017 on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. The application procedure, the eligibility requirements, and the new application form are now available on the Embassy's website.



Students at Nour Al Moustakbal School, in Bab Al Tebbeneh, Tripoli



Patients visiting the Bar Elias Medical Center for a consultation