

(Press Release)

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Japan extends Emergency Grant Aid for Lebanese Host Communities and Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

1 . On 19th September, the Government of Japan decided to extend Emergency Grant Aid amounting to three million and five hundred thousand US dollars (US\$3,500,000) through international organizations such as UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, ICRC and IOM, in order to alleviate the severe burden of Lebanese host communities as well as to support Syrian refugees in Lebanon affected by the armed conflict in Syria.

2 . The decision was made in response to the international organizations' s call for support to Lebanese Host Communities as well as Syrian Refugees. According to the announcement of the United Nations, the total number of Syrian refugees in Lebanon has exceeded 1.1 million and is still increasing.

3 . Japan has already provided Grand Aid to Lebanon amounting to 60.2 million US dollars in total for the aforementioned purpose since February 2012.

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