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## **Press Release**

### **Japan Supports MAG for its mine clearance operation in Nabatieh**

On January 31 2018, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon signed a grant contract with Mr. David Willey, Country Director of Mines Advisory Group (MAG), an international NGO that has been working on the mines clearance in Lebanon for over 10 years.

The Embassy provides a grant of USD 628,160 to fund the essential demining tools and the operational costs of the clearance teams, which will continue to clear the mine contaminated areas in Houla and Meiss El Jabal villages in Nabatieh Governorate for the third consecutive year through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program (GHP). This project will benefit around 10,000 people including Syrian refugees living around the contaminated areas, which will be used for agricultural and residential purposes.

Japanese Government will continue to support organizations that are actively working in the Lebanese mine action field in order to enhance the quality of people's living conditions and support vulnerable people in Lebanon.