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Press Release

Japan supports public hospitals in Lebanon

The medical equipment which Japan provided through an emergency grant of US 5 million dollars to the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health has arrived to public hospitals in Lebanon including Rafic Hariri University Hospitals.

On Wednesday 21 February 2018, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, the Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon attended a ceremony at Rafic Hariri University Hospital to celebrate collaborations between Japan and Lebanon on healthcare projects. The ceremony was attended by the Health Minister Mr. Ghassan Hasbani, the Director General of Rafic Hariri University Hospital Dr. Firas Abiad, and Mr. Jun Higuchi the Managing Director of Fujifilm Middle East FZE. The ceremony also aimed to celebrate the completion of a small-scale grant project through which Rafic Hariri University Hospital obtained a Japanese funded Endoscopy system in collaboration with Fujifilm.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Yamaguchi recognized the important role that Lebanon has been playing in hosting the highest number of refugees per capita in the world after the influx of the Syrian refugees. He also hoped that the Japanese grants will help mitigate the impact that the crisis had on Lebanon's healthcare system, by enhancing the medical services that will benefit the host and refugee communities.