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## **Press Release**

### **Japan Constructs a Medical Center in Bar Elias**

The Embassy of Japan funded the construction of a medical center in Bar Elias in Zahle, in order to enhance the quality of primary health care services in the area.

On the occasion of the project completion, on April 18 2018, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon, attended the inauguration ceremony organized by Bar Elias Municipality. Through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program (GGP), the municipality constructed the center, which will benefit around 27,600 residents and Syrian refugees, who will gain access to proper medical services in the new facility.

During the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Yamaguchi praised the municipality's efforts in implementing the project and highlighted Japan's strong commitments to assist the local communities. Meanwhile, Mr. Mawas Araj, Mayor of Bar Elias, expressed his deep appreciation for the Japanese support to people in Lebanon over the years.