

Press Release

Japan Funds Mine Clearance Operations in Sour

The Embassy of Japan continues to support the mine clearance operations in the blue line, in order to provide a safer environment and boost the economic development of the area.

To fund the project, on September 21, 2018 2018, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon signed a grant contract with Ret. Brig. General Badwi El Sakkal, President of the Lebanese Association for Mine and Natural Disaster Action (LAMINDA), a local NGO that has been operating on mine and cluster munitions clearance in South Lebanon since its establishment in 2014.

The Embassy is providing a grant of USD 615,165 for the mine clearance operations in the contaminated areas in Yarin and Bustan in Sour Governorate through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program (GGP). The funding will allow the organization to clear approximately 42,000m² to be used for agricultural and residential purposes for around 8,000 residents of the villages.