

## **Press Release**

## Japan Support the Mine Clearance Operations in Sour

The Embassy of Japan funds the mine clearance operations in Sour, in order to eliminate dangers of mines and secure the living conditions of the communities in the area.

On November 20, 2018, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon signed a grant contract with Mr. Zechariah Johnson, Programme Manager of Dan Church Aid (DCA), an international NGO that has been operating on mine and cluster munitions clearance in Lebanon since 2006.

The Embassy is providing a grant of USD 601,946 for the mine clearance operations in the contaminated areas along the Blue Line in the Caza of Sour through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program (GGP). Approximately 8,450 residents including Syrian refugees living near the contaminated areas will benefit through this project and an estimated 80,000 sqm will be cleared and released for agricultural and residential purposes.