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Press Release

The Japanese Ambassador attends the opening ceremony of the LEBA-JICA Regional Workshop

On November 30, 2018, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon, attended the opening ceremony of the LEBA-JICA Regional Workshop entitled "Exchanging Expertise on Alumni Trainees' Projects Funded by JICA". The LEBA-JICA (JICA Alumni Association in Lebanon), organized the workshop under the patronage of Ambassador Yamaguchi, in coordination with the Ministry of Tourism, and in collaboration with JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency), at Ramada Plaza Hotel Beirut.

As part of its technical cooperation schemes, JICA offers a training program for developing countries, under which candidates are invited to Japan to acquire knowledge and skills in various topics, to help them contribute to development work in their home countries. Under the initiative of LEBA-JICA, the regional workshop became an annual event organized in Lebanon aiming to discuss regional matters. This year, JICA Alumni Trainees from Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, and Syria attended the workshop and shared their experiences in utilizing the expertise they acquired through the JICA training program, within the implementation of the national strategies in their countries.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Yamaguchi stressed the importance of applying the techniques that former trainees learned through JICA in the execution of national priority projects. He also hoped the workshop will be an opportunity for the participants to exchange practices and lessons, in order to enhance the effectiveness and coordination of international assistance in various sectors in their countries.