

## **Press Release**

## Japan Provides Waste Collection Trucks to Municipalities in the Baalbek-Hermel Governorate

The Embassy of Japan funded three solid waste collection trucks for three municipalities in the governorate of Baalbek-Hermel, in order to improve the waste management system in the area.

On the occasion of the project completion, on December 21 2018, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon, attended the inauguration ceremony organized by the Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training (LOST) in Hermel. Through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Program (GGP), LOST will be able to enhance the quality of life of 17,000 residents and refugees of Al-Ram, Al-Shawaghir, and Al-Ansar municipalities. The project will also help maintain the environment and promote recycling.

During the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Yamaguchi praised LOST's efforts in implementing the project and said "The Japanese Government will remain supportive of development projects throughout Lebanon, in order to strengthen the ties between Lebanon and Japan." Meanwhile, Dr. Rami Lakkis, Director of LOST, expressed his deep appreciation for the Japanese support to the Lebanese people over the years.