



Embassy of Japan in Lebanon

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## **Press Release**

### **Japan Supports the Palestinian Red Crescent Society – Lebanon**

The Embassy of Japan continues to support Haifa Hospital of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in Lebanon (PRCS-L), in order to improve the quality of medical services in the hospital.

To fund the project, on February 20 2019, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon signed a grant contract with Dr. Samer Chehade, Director of PRCS-L, which provides primary and secondary medical services to Lebanese residents and Palestinian refugees, in and outside the camps. The Ceremony was also attended by Ms. Maki Igarashi, Japanese Red Cross Regional Representative for the Middle East and North Africa.

The Japanese Red Cross has been dispatching Japanese doctors and nurses to the Emergency Department of Haifa Hospital in order to share the expertise with the hospital staff and improve the quality of medical services in the camp. In this context, this project by the Embassy would complement the work of the Japanese Red Cross by providing necessary equipment to the department.

Through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program (GGP), the Embassy is providing a grant of USD 88,800 for the procurement of medical equipment for the Emergency Department in Haifa Hospital. The funding will allow PRCS-L to offer proper and enhanced medical services to at least 9000 patients annually.