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Press Release

Japan Supports UNHCR with USD 3.5 Million for the implementation of projects across Lebanon

In support of the Syrian Refugees and the Lebanese Host Communities, the Government of Japan extended a USD 3.5 Million grant to UNHCR for the year 2019. The Japanese contribution will enable the agency to implement protection services, and social cohesion activities through community development centers. The grant will also help Lebanese and Syrian refugee children to pursue their education, and support the youth to access the job market through vocational training activities.

On May 10 2019, Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon, announced the new Japanese assistance during a ceremony organized by UNHCR, at the Community Development Center of Majdal Anjar in Bekaa. In his speech, Ambassador Yamaguchi hoped the upcoming projects will help alleviate the suffering of both the Syrian refugees and the Lebanese host communities, and reiterated his support for initiatives that could help improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable populations in Lebanon. Meanwhile, UNHCR Lebanon Representative Ms. Mireille Girard, thanked Japan for the generous donation, and for the continuous support of the agency's humanitarian projects.

During the ceremony Ambassador Yamaguchi toured the Majdal Anjar Community Development Center, and attended a group discussion with UNHCR's outreach volunteers. The Ambassador also met with the Head of the Municipality of Majdal Anjar Mr. Said Yassin, and commended the town's remarkable efforts in hosting a large number of Syrian refugees.

Japan has so far extended more than US\$ 31.7 Million to UNHCR since 2012, to implement projects all over Lebanon. The supported activities were in the fields of Health, Protection, Shelter, Education, and Vocational Training.