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Press Release

Japan Supports the Palestinian Red Crescent Society - Lebanon

As part of its continuous effort to support the Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon, the Embassy of Japan in Lebanon provided medical equipment for the newly renovated emergency department at Haifa hospital of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in Lebanon (PRCS-L), in order to improve the quality of the provided medical services in Palestinian Camps.

On the occasion of the project completion, on September 11 2019, H.E. Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon, attended an inauguration ceremony in Burj Al Barajneh Palestinian Camp organized by PRCS-L. The Ceremony was also attended by Palestine's Ambassador to Lebanon H.E. Mr. Ashraf Dabour, and the Japanese Red Cross Team that has been providing technical support to the PRCS medical staff. In addition, a representative from the American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), which funded the rehabilitation of the emergency department, was also present.

During the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Yamaguchi commended the efforts of PRCS-L in implementing the project and its role in supporting the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, and announced the signing of a new Japanese grant of 86,060 USD, to be provided for PRCS-L as an extension to Japan's strong commitment to assist Palestinians Refugees in Lebanon. Through the new fund, two X-ray machines will be procured, to improve the efficiency and patient care of the radiology department in Haifa Hospital, and will benefit around 22,000 patients from Burj Al Barajneh and neighboring Palestinian Refugees Camps.

Meanwhile, Dr. Samer Chehade, Director of PRCS-L, expressed his deep appreciation for the past and recent Japanese support to the Palestinians in Lebanon. With this latest grant, Japan has provided a total of 258,656 USD to PRCS-L since 2017 to enhance the capacity of its hospitals, and optimize the provided medical services.