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**Press Release**  
**Japan Supports Hamza Medical Center run by Al Shifaa for Medical & Humanitarian Services**

Japan supports the delivery of accessible medical care in El Buss Refugee Camp, and to achieve this objective, on January 29, 2020, Ambassador OKUBO Takeshi signed a grant contract, which amounts to 87,270 U.S. dollars, with Dr. Majdi Krayem, Executive Manager of Al Shifaa for Medical & Humanitarian Services.

The NGO has long provided medical services for both Lebanese and the host communities of refugees through its medical centers across Lebanon. Hamza Medical Center in El Buss Refugee Camp, without an adequate equipment for an X-ray examination, has had no choice but to refer their patients to other medical centers, where such examination is not available at an affordable cost.

Through its Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program (GGP), Japan will donate a new digital X-ray machine for the center, so that it will be able to provide accessible medical services annually to more than 160 individuals.

At the signing ceremony, Dr. Majdi Krayem expressed the center's appreciation, detailing the depth and magnitude of Japan's support for individuals in El Buss Refugee Camp spanning Palestinian refugees to the financially marginalized Lebanese and Syrians. Ambassador Okubo—former Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine—expressed his hope that the project would be a milestone for the continuous Japanese support for the Palestinian and their host communities.