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### Japan Supports Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve

Through the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program, the Government of Japan extended a grant of 63,402 U.S. dollars to the Association for the Protection of Jabal Moussa (APJM), to support their efforts to preserve wildlife and nature of the Jabal Moussa Biosphere Reserve. This grant provided the APJM with fire extinguishers—water valves, pipes, fuel breaks, and water supply network—and training programs, so as for the association to enhance its firefighting capability, ensuring a safer living environment for at least 28,000 residents and visitors.

Upon the successful completion of the project, on September 25, 2020, Ambassador OKUBO Takeshi attended an online inauguration ceremony. The ceremony was virtually attended by Mr. Pierre Doumet, President of APJM and Mr. Georges Zouein, Civil Defense of the Yahchouch village.

The ceremony started with the national anthems of Lebanon and Japan, followed by congratulatory remarks from representatives of each party. The APJM also presented how the granted firefighting equipment were installed and how the trainings translated into today's well-prepared fire suppression system of the villages.

APJM's President Doumet expressed his deep appreciation for Japan's support in enhancing the APJM's capacity. Civil Defense Zouein, who is also a member of the APJM, extended his deep gratitude for Japan's support in providing the beneficiaries with a safer environment. Ambassador Okubo commended APJM's tireless efforts in implementing the project and its role in the conservation of biodiversity and the preservation of the cultural heritage in the area, and ensured Japan continues to support Lebanon during these difficult times for the country.

Photos of the Online Ceremony



