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## **Press Release**

### **Japan assists the rehabilitation of 13 public schools in Jabal Amel**

The Japanese Ambassador to Lebanon, Mr. Seiichi Otsuka, inaugurated thirteen public schools in Jabal Amel area in Nabatieh on Friday 30 October. The project was implemented by the Union of Municipalities of Jabal Amel and funded by Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Program (GGP).

The Union of Municipalities in Jabal Amel covers 16 municipalities and was established in 2007. The project made the necessary rehabilitation for 13 public schools in the area (Taybe elementary and high schools, Odeise school, Toulin School, Majdal Selem elementary and high schools, Blida School, Markaba School, Sawwane School, Kabrikha School, Houla School, and Meis El Jabal elementary and high Schools). Around 2,500 students and more than one thousand households benefited from the project.

Like other areas of Lebanon, Jabal Amel area is affected by the influx of displaced people from Syria. Among the 2,500 students in these 13 schools, more than 600 students are from Syria. The project was carried out in a bid to support Lebanese host communities and to provide better educational environment for both Lebanese and Syrian children.

“Regardless of nationality, everybody has a right to access education. Japan will continue to assist Lebanon to support more than 100 public schools under the coordination with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education”, stated Mr. Seiichi Otsuka, the Japanese Ambassador to Lebanon. Dr. Ali Fayad, Member of Parliament, Mr. Ali El Zein, the Head of the Union of Municipalities in Jabal Amel, Mayors of municipalities, local Mukhtars and directors of the schools attended the inauguration ceremony that was held in Majdel Selem.

Japan's GGP has so far extended around 14 million US dollars in Lebanon since 1996 to finance more than 230 development projects implemented by NGOs, municipalities, schools and medical institutions.

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