

Japan's assistance to the Palestinians (Fact sheet)

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- Japan supports a two-state solution whereby Israel and a future independent Palestinian State will coexist and prosper together. From this point of view, Japan has worked on assisting the Palestinian people with humanitarian aid, assistance for the state-building efforts, confidence building, and enhancing economic self-sustainability as the 4 pillars. The Japan's assistance exceeds **1.1 billion dollars** in total since 1993.
- On 24th November Prime Minister Kan confirmed in his meeting with Prime Minister Fayyad of the Palestinian Authority in Tokyo Japan's intention to extend assistance that amounts to around **100 million dollars** in fiscal year 2010 and expressed that the Japanese Government will continue to actively extend assistance to the Palestinians.
- Prime Ministers Kan and Fayyad confirmed the importance of continuing the following mid- and long-term efforts for the Palestinian state building.

1 "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity" Initiative

- (1) The related parties are accelerating the efforts to establish the Jericho Agricultural Industrial Park (JAIP) by the end of 2012 in the framework of Corridor for Peace and Prosperity.
- (2) In October 2010, the inauguration ceremony of the connection road to the Park and the ground breaking ceremony for the land reclamation works for the JAIP site were held.
- (3) It is aimed to complete the business plan soon, which will be followed by developer selection of the JAIP, and calling on potential investors to open their business in JAIP.
- (4) Construction work will shortly begin on the electricity infrastructure for the site by installing the first solar electric generation system in the West Bank. Building water and waste water facilities, and another connection road have been considered.

Image of Jericho Agro-Industrial Park



Inauguration ceremony of the connection road to the Park



The ground breaking ceremony for the land reclamation works



2 Assistance for building of the future Palestinian state (Seven Priority Areas)

(1) Small and Medium Enterprise Support

A technical cooperation project is on-going for institutional strengthening of relevant organizations involved in establishing the Jericho Agro-Industrial Park of the “Corridor for Peace and Prosperity” initiative.

(2) Agriculture

A technical cooperation project, the second phase of the project for Strengthening Support System Focusing on Sustainable Agriculture will start next year.

(3) Tourism

A technical cooperation project for Sustainable Tourism Development in Jericho through Public-Private Partnership is on-going.

(4) Local Governance

Japanese experts will be dispatched to the Ministry of Local Governance to advise on integrating local governance unit.

(5) Improvement of Public Financial Management

Assistance to the Ministry of Finance for development of capacity to collect property tax (providing and funding training for revaluating property value) is on-going.

(6) Water Resource Development and Waste Water Treatment

A feasibility study for the project of “Jericho water environment improvement and effective usage” is on-going.

(7) Maternal and Child Health

Spreading the use of maternity and child health handbook which has been produced through the “Project for Improving Maternal and Child Health/Reproductive Health” among the Palestinian refugees in neighboring Arab countries including Lebanon is now under consideration.

3 Assistance for improving financial conditions

In light of the severe fiscal condition of the Palestinian Authority, Japan has been extending annually non-project grant assistance ranging from 1.1 billion yen to 1.5 billion yen since 2007 for enhancing PA’s economic and social development efforts. In 2010, Japan extends 1.5 billion yen of this type of grant assistance and intends to extend an additional assistance taking into consideration the PA’s fiscal condition.

4 Vitalizing private sector in the Palestinian territories

(1) Private Sector Job Creating Program for the Palestinian Territories

Japan plans for assistance in coordination with the EU to vitalize business activities and expand job opportunities in the West Bank and Gaza. It is intended to contribute to funding investments on equipment and facilities of private businesses in the West Bank and Gaza.

(2) Japanese-Palestinian private sector exchange

Following up on JETRO exhibition in November 2009 and the visit of Mr. Hayashi, Chairman and CEO of JETRO to the West Bank in July 2010. JETRO will dispatch a food industry expert to provide marketing advice to Palestinian companies and assisting them to exhibit at the FOODEX .



Demonstration of purifying water by using products made by a Japanese company (July 2010, Visit of Mr. Hayashi, Chairman of JETRO)

5 Co-operation with East Asian Countries for Assistance to the Palestinians

- (1) Dispatching a Japanese-Indonesian Joint study mission to the West Bank is under consultation.
- (2) Examining the possibility of introducing new training courses in Agriculture and Water & Waste Water sectors.
- (3) Examining the possibility of utilizing training facilities that were built with assistance by Singapore in Jordan and Qatar.



● A snack factory in Malaysia

6 Assistance to Gaza strip

(1) Project for Clearance of UXOS, Rubble Removal

Japan supports the project for removal of rubble and explosive ordinance disposal and improvement of solid waste service management, as a part of assistance for the reconstruction of Gaza after the raids in Dec 2008 – Jan 2009.



Clearance of UXOS and Rubble Removal



UXOS demined and destroyed

(2) Project for Income Generation and Support for Socially Vulnerable People in the Gaza strip

Japan is considering to support socially vulnerable people in the Gaza strip through UNDP.

7 Assistance to the Palestinian refugee

Japan has extended food aid and other assistance to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Palestinian territories through UNRWA and is considering to extend additional assistance in Health and Education sectors.

- A school constructed through Japanese ODA (Baq'a Refugee Camp in Jordan)



UNRWA manages around 690 schools in the West Bank, Gaza strip, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Jordan.

- A refugee camp

Around 4.7 million registered Palestinian refugees in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.



8 Humanitarian Assistance (Food aid)

Japan has extended food aid to Palestinians whose living condition is severe in the Palestinian territories through WFP.

- Food aid distribution site
Hemp sacks provided by Japanese ODA are reused for food aid packages.

