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Press Release

With Japanese funding, UNDP/PAPP establishes summer camps for Palestinian youth across West Bank and Gaza

Jerusalem, June, 25th, 2003: Despite the tremendous difficulties facing Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory, the United Nations Development Programme / Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP/PAPP) signed an agreement with the Government of Japan and 24 Palestinian nongovernmental organizations to initiate summer camps for youth across the West Bank and Gaza. Mr. Tetsuya Mizutani, Special Research-political service representing the Embassy of Japan and Mr. Timothy Rothermel, the Special Representative of the UNDP/PAPP signed the agreement for the amount of US\$162,000 in a ceremony held in the Youth Club in the Old City of Jerusalem, on July 25th, 2003

“We are very delighted to assist the Palestinian community organizations with this very important activity.” said Mr. Mizutani. “Getting the youth off the streets in these difficult summer times of closure and to participate in such productive educational activities is consistent with the UNDP/PAPP’S human development agenda”, added Rothermel.



As a result of the cooperative project, 29 youth summer camps spread across the West Bank and Gaza will be supported. The summer camps provide an opportunity for youth to participate in an assortment of activities that are central to children’s development such as: sports, arts, crafts, environmental awareness, and recreational trips. An estimated 6000 youth and children benefit from such camps.

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