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## **Japan and UNOPS restore road access to critical infrastructure in Aden**



Ms. Ishibashi Marino and Mr. Muhammad Usman Akram signing the agreement. Photo by Embassy of Japan in Yemen @2023.

**Riyadh, 17 September 2023** – The Government of Japan and UNOPS signed an agreement to rehabilitate 3.6 km of intra-urban city roads in central Aden.

Adjacent to the Aden international airport and seaport, “The Project for Rehabilitation of Aden Intra-Urban Roads” will enhance connectivity and ensure smooth transportation of goods and services to neighboring communities and governorates. Moreover, the project will provide the people in Yemen with climate resilient enhanced road access to over 1,400 critical services buildings such as schools, hospitals, and other public utilities as well as commercial facilities.

“This project aims to rehabilitate urban roads in the city of Aden to improve access to major facilities in the city and vulnerable urban communities, including internally displaced persons, thereby contributing to supporting the future reconstruction of

Yemen,” stated Ms. Ishibashi Marino, Charge d’Affaires ad interim of Japan to Yemen. “The Government of Japan remains committed to continue to work actively, in cooperation with the United Nations and countries concerned, to realize peace and stability in Yemen,” added Ms. Ishibashi.

“This important humanitarian road initiative in Aden will provide improved access to over 538,000 people, including over 270,000 girls and women to much needed public services. Thanks to the funding from the Government and the People of Japan that is enabling UNOPS to engage in another fruitful partnership in Yemen”. said Muhammad Usman Akram, Representative and Director of UNOPS Operational Hub in Amman.

This project contributes to SDG Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

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