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**Japanese Ambassador visited a renovated school in Erbil by the  
Japanese NGO “Peace Winds Japan”  
under the “Renovation of Schools in IDPs Affected Areas” project**

1. On April 25, 2016, the Japanese Ambassador to Iraq H.E. Mr. Fumio Iwai visited the Snowber junior high school for girls recently renovated by the Japanese NGO, Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) in Erbil city with attendance of Mr. Bashdar Abdulkhaliq Khidhr, General Director of Education, KRG Ministry of Education. The PWJ works its project funded by the Government of Japan through its “The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects” scheme.
2. This project aims at creation of proper educational environment for the students through renovation of three schools located in Erbil and Dohouk governorates. These schools have accommodated many IDP families so children of these families would be beneficiaries from the project.
3. During the meeting with Mr. Khidhr, Ambassador Iwai celebrated the launching the renovated Snowber school for girls and expressed his hope that Iraqi students as much as possible enjoy opportunity to study in the appropriate environment. He emphasized that PWJ’s project will benefit local communities in the Kurdistan region which hosts a large number of IDPs and Syrian refugees in the region. Then Ambassador Iwai met teachers and students in classrooms.
4. The PWJ will complete another two schools in the Dohouk Governorate soon and it is expected that more than 2,000 students will study at the newly renovated three schools.

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