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**Completion Ceremony of Halabja Water Treatment Plant**

**Financed by Japan**

1. Mr. Fumio Iwai, Ambassador of Japan to Iraq, attended a ceremony to mark the completion of the Halabja Water Treatment Plant (HWTP) today. On the Iraqi side, KRG Municipalities and Tourism Minister Newroz Mawlood Amin, KRG Planning Minister Ali Sindi, and Halabja Governor Abdullah Muhammad Abdulwahab joined the ceremony.
2. HWTP is financed by Japanese concessional Yen loan as part of the “Water Supply Improvement Project in Kurdistan region”. By the completion of the HWTP, more than 120,000 local residents in Halabja are expected to benefit from safe and stable supply of water. It is worth mentioning that in addition to Halabja, the Project has also covered other parts of the Kurdistan region in Iraq, namely Erbil, Dohouk and Sulaymaniya where water distribution networks have been installed underground.
3. During the Ceremony, Ambassador Iwai reaffirmed Japan’s determination to continue support to Iraq including the Kurdistan region and underlined the importance of serious self-help effort on the part of Iraq, saying “It is only the Iraqis that can build a better future for Iraq.”

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