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CELEBRATE MARCH WITH BAS



Beit Atfal Assumoud newsletter is published monthly by the National Institution of social Care and Vocational Training. Each letter is issued for publishing the works and activities of the institution and its centers over the course of the month. We have been working on providing services for Palestinian refugees living in the camps of Lebanon for 38 years.

Family Happiness Project

Mrs. Sirkku Kivisto from the Finnish Arab Friendship Society visited the BAS main office and met Mrs. Fatima Khayzaran on March 7th, 2015. She discussed some issues related to the Family Happiness project, and handed her the presents sent by the Finnish sponsors for the sponsored children.

The coordinator of social work Dr. Hind Shaarawi and the coordinator of the Family Happiness Project Mrs. Fatima Khayzaran and two members from the Finnish Arab Friendship Society Mrs. Sirkku Kivisto and Mrs. Marja Winter met the social workers in Mar Elias center on March 16th, 2015. The meeting aimed at presenting the results of a study conducted previously regarding the development of the sponsorship program. We should not forget the influential role of Dr. Irja Candoline from Finland in preparing the results of the study.



To Be Great ... Entertain & Educate

BAS children who are enrolled in the educational program were happy during March like the other children of the institution. Beautiful things have been added to their educational program which brought entertainment and pleasure. These were the occasions of March! Child's day, mother's day, teacher's day land's day, etc... They all participated in celebrating these occasions joyfully while proceeding with their education.

Drop-out Class

A new drop-out class has been opened with 15 students in Shatila center on March 15th, 2015 to encourage those who dropped from the schools and others with learning difficulties to have a chance to learn and entertain as the other children.

Kindergarten

BAS is thankful to UNRWA for the Polio vaccination campaign for the kindergarten children in Rashidieh Burj Barajneh and Ein El Hillweh centers during March.



A theatrical show was performed by Burj Barajneh drama team for Nahr El-Bared kindergarten children

under the title "Good Health". This was to encourage them to eat healthy food. The theatrical show was followed by making puppets using socks for all the children on March 7th, 2015.

The kindergarten children of Burj Barajneh center attended the theatrical show "Respect & Cooperation" by an invitation from Ghassan Kanafani Kindergarten in the Palestinian Arab Center, on March 18th, 2015.

Vocational Training

On March 2nd, 2015 Burj Shemali vocational training students attended a session on communication skills given by the psychologist Mr. Mohammad Arrabi. Another session was given on March 9th about anger management. In addition, the students enjoyed the self-confidence lecture given by Mr. Kamal Mosherfa on March 24th, in Al Houla organization.



Let's Smile Confidently

Dental Care

BAS six dental clinics provided dental treatments for 1186 beneficiaries during March. The beneficiaries were from Nahr El-Bared, Beddawi, Beirut, Rashidieh, Burj Shemali and Ein El Hillweh camps.

Most people think that they take proper care of their teeth and gums. However, they use unsuitable tools to remove food trapped in their mouths; they even don't know how to take care of their teeth. Thus, BAS always prepare awareness sessions for the children and parents on oral hygiene.

401 children including kindergarten children from BAS, kindergarten children from the six camps and drop-outs benefited from the awareness sessions regarding dental hygiene and the proper way to use the toothbrush. Not only did the children receive sessions but also 32 mothers were informed about these topics.

548 children in Rashidieh, Burj Shemali and Ein El Hillweh centers got the opportunity to watch films about the healthy food that should be eaten to have safe teeth.



Mental Health Program

Family Guidance Centers (FGC)

FGC El BUSS

FGC El Buss organized focus groups in collaboration with Burj Shemali and Rashidieh centers on March 10th & 11th, 2015. The focus groups aimed at organizing workshops within the project “Touching Minds, Raising Dignity” based on the topics required by parents. They also aimed at teaching skills and techniques to know how to deal with their children and reduce their daily stress.



As BAS is going to have a common project with the French organization “Sante Sud” regarding the Mental Health program, Ms. Sara Cheaib visited the center on March 5th, and gave an idea about the activities and trainings that will be performed within this project.

Thanks to MAP/UNICEF, two social workers from the center participated in the psychological first aid workshop held in Al Najdah Association-Beirut on March 13th & 14th, 2015.

Within the project “Touching Minds, Raising Dignity”, Handicap International organization organized two training workshops for the mother’s committees in FGC El Buss on March 17th. They tackled the psychological problems of children and their effects on their daily life.



El Buss center organized a meeting with delegations from Harvard Medical School, Palestinian History Tapestry, and Finland, in the presence of Dr. Aziza Khalidi on March 22nd. The team welcomed the delegation and introduced a presentation about BAS, including a background about the center and about the current and future activities of the mother’s committee.



FGC Beirut

A group of students who are studying psychology in Beirut Arab University visited FGC Beirut accompanied by their instructor Mrs. Olfat Mahmoud on March 10th, 2015. The visit aimed at getting an idea about the activities of the center and nature of work in this domain.



The psychology intern student Ms. Hanna Leinonen from Finland enjoyed a short period during March in all the FGCs of BAS.

Meetings

The General Director Mr. Kassem Aina, Dr. Madeleine Badaro Taha and the coordinator of Mental Health Program Ms. Lilian Younes met the communication officer Ms. Sahar Omran from UNRWA at FGC Beirut on March 3rd, 2015. The meeting was to discuss a possible cooperation with the FGC team within EU-funded project “Spring Fund” for improving the living conditions of Palestine refugees in Lebanon”.

Ms. Lilian Younes met Ms. Julie Vautard from Al Kamandjati organization in FGC Beirut on March 3rd, 2015. The meeting was conducted to discuss the details of the project approved by the Welfare-Lebanon organization “Promoting Music Therapy and Musical Resources in the Palestinian camps”.

Ms. Lilian Younes and Dr. Madeleine Badaro Taha met Ms. Zeina Salhani from the Handicap International (HI) in HI office-Beirut on March 3rd, 2015 to discuss the possibility of partnership and financing the strategic plan of Mental Health for the coming 5 years.

Upon the request of our Finnish partner Mrs. Sirkku Kivisto from The Finnish Psychologists for Social Responsibility “FiPSR”, a meeting was conducted with representatives from the World Health Organization (WHO) in WHO office-Beirut on March 16th. The meeting discussed the possibility to provide a statement about the project needs, financed by the Finnish Government in Lebanon.



FGC Saida

The program coordinator Mrs. Kristil Harldstat from NORWAC visited the center on March 17th. She met one of the specialists and followed up the workflow.



The center's director Ms. Ibtissam Khalil conducted a meeting with a group of mothers in coordination with Sama center in Faisal Al Hussein Hall in Meyya w Meyya camp-Saida on March 18th, 2015. The meeting aimed at giving the mothers information about the right way to deal with their children.

FGC Nahr El-Bared

Within the Mental Health program, Nahr El-Bared center organized an awareness session for 15 mothers on March 21st, about drugs and their negative effects. The session was given by the clinical psychologist Ms. Arda Kashkeshian.

On March 26th, the mothers enjoyed a relaxation session with a social worker from the center.



FGC Beddawi

On March 9th, 2015 FGC Beddawi organized a meeting for the mothers' committee and gave them a lecture about self-confidence.



Spring time is on the doors, and all the children enjoy the beautiful colorful nature and flowers. Upon this, the children of FGC Beddawi decorated the white boards with spring flowers on March 13th, 2015. This activity aimed at discovering the potential and creativity of the children and strengthening their self-confidence.



The mothers received an awareness session on March 23rd aimed at encouraging them to work and enhance their economic situation. One of the mothers talked about her working experience at home to enhance her economic situation, and this had a positive effect on the other mothers.

Psychosocial Support Program

During March, Rashidieh, Burj Shemali and El Buss centers distributed baby kits for groups of Palestinian refugee mothers from Syria who have newborn babies. They also organized a series of awareness sessions for them regarding child growth stages, normal lactation, parents' responsibilities and child rights.



Nahr El-Bared center organized a recreational trip for the workers involved in the psychosocial support program thanks to MAP-UNICEF. The workers visited Jetta Grotto, Junye and Byblos on March 5th, 2015.



Administratively, the centers' directors Mr. Mahmoud Jomaa, Mr. Mahmoud Zeidan, Ms. Khawla Khalaf and Mr. Abdullah Barake, and the coordinator Mr. Asaad Abdulal met at BAS main office on March 19th, 2015 and discussed the possibility to renew the psychosocial support program.



Reproductive Health & Peer Education

During March, beside the ongoing services offered in the five reproductive health clinics, BAS facilitated different awareness sessions and workshops for youth, parents and mothers including Palestinian refugees from Syria and even social workers and peer educators. The sessions tackled different issues including domestic violence, breast cancer, sexual harassment, contraceptive, pregnancy and precaution, sexual transmitted diseases, conflict resolution, drugs, peer education, self-confidence, self-esteem, early marriage and communication. All these sessions aimed at educating the youth and parents in the camps, developing positive attitudes and making healthy decisions about the given topics.



Events

Enjoy March with BAS! Celebrate the occasions with women, mothers, children, teachers and patriots. Let's make a tour and discover how preparations and celebrations took place in BAS centers. All the children who are involved in BAS programs participated in March occasions including, KG children, remedial children, drop-outs, children with special needs, sponsored children, mothers, youth and those involved in the music and dancing etc... The children prepared greeting cards for their mothers and sponsors on the mother's day occasion, the kindergarten children participated in the national march organized by the centers for the land's day. In addition, all the children enrolled in the educational program celebrated the teacher's day with their teachers and received gifts on the child's day, and some of the staff visited UNRWA and Private schools and distributed honored gifts made by them. The centers also celebrated the mother's day and the woman's international day with a group of mothers and workers. Some of the centers prepared greeting cards and sent them to the women who work in the Palestinian NGOs as an appreciation for their roles in the society.



BAS-Rashidieh center had an influential and successful role in the open day organized to celebrate all March occasions on March 27th, 2015 in collaboration with the local NGOs in Rashidieh camp. Assumoud Scout welcomed the participants while the music and dancing groups gave special folkloric performances. The open day was divided into two parts; the morning part which was for the children below 15 years old, and the afternoon part for those above 15 years old.

The first part included football, drawings, acrobatics, puppets and free platform, while the second included national and cultural activities (exhibition, Models, handicrafts, coffee tent, music and dancing shows.



Women's International Day

BAS General Director Mr. Kassem Aina and Mrs. Hanan Masri attended the International Women's Day celebration in ESCWA on March 5th, 2015.

Thanks to MAP-UNICEF, Burj Shemali, Rashidieh and El Buss centers organized a trip for 300 women to Tyre monuments and Tyre Public Park on March 8th, 2015. However, Nahr El-Bared center gave 73 women the opportunity to enjoy a trip to the old city of Byblos and monuments.



Shatila center's director Ms. Jamila Shehadeh was honored by the Woman's Committee for the NGOs in Burj Barajneh camp on March 13th for her efforts with other three women who run the General Union of the Palestinian Women, Al Najdeh Association and the Woman's Humanitarian organization.



On this occasion, Ein El Hillweh center's director Ms. Bahaa Tayyar was honored by the Palestinian National Liberation Movement on March 20th, 2015. The colleague Mrs. Dalal Shahrour from Beddawi center was honored by the Women Activities center on March 9th, 2015.



Child's Day

The children of Beddawi center enjoyed the huge recreational day organized on March 21st, 2015. The day included different enjoyable activities along with distributing sweets and juices donated by Mr. Khaled Othman.



As for Rashidieh center, the staff celebrated this day with the kindergarten and remedial children on March 21st, 2015. The remedial children received stationary, and 20 of them received gifts for their excellent academic performance. Some of the children made speeches regarding the child's and mother's days. As for the kindergarten children, they enjoyed a recreational show and some of them sang and received gifts thanks to MAP/UNICEF support.



For this occasion, Nahr El-Bared center organized a carnival for 150 children from BAS and from Al Najdah Association on March 22nd, 23rd & 24th, 2015. The carnival included acrobatic shows, competitions, and recreational activities along with distributing gifts and sweets for all the participants.



80 children from Ein El Hillweh center participated in the marathon activity organized by the Social Solidarity center in Saida. The center's dancing group presented a show while distributing the gifts on participants on March 22nd, 2015.

Thanks to the Japanese organization Campaign for the Children of Palestine (CCP), the remedial and drop-outs children of Shatila center were not forgotten in the child's day. 110 children were taken on a trip to Al Sanaye' Public Park on March 27th, 2015. The trip included recreational activities and games that were enjoyable for all of them.



Child's Day & Mother's Day

For these two occasions, and under the support of MAP-UNICEF, Nahr El-Bared center gathered 200 mothers and children in a festival and gave them the opportunity to have fun with a set of activities that included games, competitions, and recreational activities, followed by distributing candies on all participants.



240 kindergarten children from Rashidieh center and 176 kindergarten children from Burj Shemali center went on trips with their mothers to Al Abbaseyya Public Park and Tyre Public Park, on March 19th, 2015.



Thanks to the support of our friend Ms. Anu Piippo from Finland, Shatila center celebrated the child's day and mother's day with 210 kindergarten children and their mothers and in the presence of Mrs. Sirku Kivisto and the two accompanied Finnish friends Mrs. Aulikki Ansamaa and Mrs. Leila Heinonen. The children prepared gifts to present them to their mothers, and the mothers in return prepared Palestinian sweets and lunch in the center in collaboration with the staff on March 21st, 2015.



Again, thank you Ms. Anu Piippo and thanks to your friends for supporting the trip organized by Burj Barajneh center for the kindergarten children to Syoufi Public Park on March 25th, 2015.



Land's Day

For celebrating this event, some of the children draw expressive paintings and watch national movies regarding the land's day, others organized marches to the camp's cemetery, where they raised flags and put flowers on the graves, and some prepared Palestinian sweets.



BAS centers (Shatila, Burj Barajneh, Mar Elias and Ba'albek) celebrated the land's day in Burj Barajneh center on March 22nd, 2015. The dancing and music bands of Shatila and Burj Barajneh centers made amazing performances. The music band is supported by Al Kamandjati organization.



As for Beddawi center, on March 28th, 2015 the kindergarten children participated in the commemoration of the land's day in Beddawi camp in coordination with the educational committee and other kindergartens in the camp. The children expressed their devotion to their homeland by raising flags and Palestinian slogans.



Beddawi center also participated in the celebration organized by the Right of Return Committee in Beit Al Fan on March 29th, 2015. The celebration included a poetry evening for the Palestinian Poet Mr. Anwar Al Khateeb, a national painting exhibition, and folkloric arts performed by BAS.



On March 29th, 2015 and under the invitation of the Green Crescent Society, Burj Barajneh center participated in planting 6 olive oils in Maroun Al Ras town in south area adjacent to Palestine. The trees carried the names of the land's day martyrs in 1976.



Burj Barajneh participated in the land's day exhibition organized by the Palestinian Arab Center in Burj Barajneh camp on March 27th, 2015. They also participated in the Palestinian wedding performed in the American University of Beirut on March 30th, 2015.



Assumoud Sports club in Nahr El-Bared center celebrated the Land's day occasion by organizing a football league in participation with Lebanese and Palestinian clubs in Akkar. 24 Lebanese and Palestinian teams participated and played it on Wadi Al Jamous playground in March. After finishing the league BAS distributed the medals and cups on players and Al Quds birds' team won the first place.



Other Events

Choeur de Barytons (Sacre-Coeur-Freres)

Two colleagues from Beit Atfal Assumoud Mrs. Fatima Khayzaran and Ms. Layal Hakim attended the concert performed by the Finnish Choir “Choeur de Barytons” at the Church of the College du Sacre-Coeur – Freres Gemmayze, on March 12th, 2015. The concert was under the patronage of H.E. Mr. Raymond Araygi, Minister of Culture, and under the invitation of The Charge d’affaires of Finland, Ms. Liisa Maunula, The Director of the Finnish Institute in the Middle East, Dr. Raija Mattila and The Honorary Consul General of Finland and Mrs. Zafer Chaoui.



Rashidieh dancing band in Al Nakab School

Rashidieh dancing band introduced a great folkloric show in Al Nakab UNRWA School during honoring the superior students on March 21st, 2015.



The sixth Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance Conference

The sixth Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance Conference was amazing in the participation of BAS music and dancing bands in Rashidieh and Burj Shemali centers. The conference was organized by Birzeit University and The American University of Beirut (AUB) in Maamari auditorium of Olayan School of Business on March 20th, 2015. The bands impressed the audience by their folkloric dance and national songs show!



UNIFIL Annual Handicraft Exhibition

Rashidieh, Burj Shemali and El Buss centers participated in the annual handicraft exhibition, organized by UNIFIL in Shame’ town on March 24th, 2015. They presented some items of the embroideries made at the institution, and the handicrafts made by the drop-out students.



Burj Shemali Pipe Bags show

The pipe bags band of Burj Shemali center was invited by the Danish TV from Denmark to perform a show while videotaping the folkloric Palestinian museum in Al Ma'ashouk gathering in Tyre, on March 6th, 2015.

Solidarity with the Palestinian woman

Ba'albek center participated in the solidarity action with the General Union of Palestinian Woman on March 7th, 2015.

Welfare Graduation Ceremony

Al Rashidieh center's director Mr. Mahmoud Zeidan and the kindergarten coordinator Mrs. Rania Khartabil, and some of Al Rashidieh kindergarten teachers participated in the graduation ceremony of the training course for the year 2013-2014 under the support of the Welfare association-Lebanon within the project "Early Childhood" in USJ. The ceremony was held in the Mediterranean Hotel on March 13th, 2015. The ceremony was followed by a lunch after distributing the certificates on the participant teachers.



"Where can I find like you Ali"

Under the invitation of the Welfare association-Lebanon, 38 colleagues from BAS including workers, youth and friends attended the theatrical show "Where can I find like you Ali" in Arabic version on Babel theater on March 8th, 2015. The show was performed by the writer Mrs. Raeda Taha and directed by the director Mrs. Lina Abiad.



Honoring BAS in Ba'albek center

Ba'albek center was honored by Al Nakab club for its efforts in supporting Palestinians in the camp on March 26th, 2015.



Assumoud Scout

The Scout of Burj Shemali and Rashidieh centers participated in the memorial of the martyr Maarouf Saad on March 1st, 2015 in Saida.



As a recreational activity, the scout members of Burj Shemali center went on a trip to Faraya and Saida funfair on March 14th, 2015.



Burj Shemali scout organized a training workshop for new volunteers to be leaders, in participation with Al Rashidieh Scout on March 22nd & 29th, 2015 in Basel Al Asad Cultural center in Tyre.



On mother's day and woman's day The Palestinian National Scout of Burj Shemali center presented a film under the title "Kingdom of Women" in the presence of the director Dana Abu Rahme and parents from the camp on March 28th, 2015.



Workshops

Personal Hygiene Workshop with Shatila Children

In coordination with the health guide Ms. Hadeel Abu Hassan from UNRWA, a personal hygiene workshop was held in Shatila center for 100 children aged between 7 and 12 years old on March 13th, 2015. The workshop included activities, information and drawing a related poster.



Graduation of Teachers from English Course

Six teachers from Ein El Hillweh and Rashidieh centers graduated on March 20th, 2015 from the English course organized by War Child organization at the British Council which started on December 5th, 2014.



Residential Workshop by ULYP

45 Youth from Burj Barajneh, Shatila and Mar Elias centers continued attending the remaining five sessions of the environmental workshop organized by the United Lebanon Youth Project (ULYP) during March. The workshop was accomplished on March 28th, 2015 ended by distributing certificates on all the participants in BAS Mar Elias center.



Stress Reduction Workshops

Two friends from Finland Mrs. Kirsti Palonen and Mrs. Nina Lyytinen held two stress reduction workshops in Mar Elias for the social workers. The first one was held on March 28th, 2015 with 15 social workers from all the centers, while the second was held on March 31st, 2015 for the social workers who attended it last year. Both workshops aimed at teaching the social workers exercises that reduce stress on daily basis and giving them beneficial information concerning stress reduction.



Meetings & Interviews

Interviews

Al Quds TV conducted an interview with our colleague from Beddawi center Mrs. Dalal Shahrour about the art activities in the camp. The interview was held in Golden Tulip Hotel on March 10th, 2015.



LBC TV conducted another interview with Ein El Hillweh center's director and the colleague Ms. Mona Al Mohammad about the reasons of youth migration from Lebanon. The interview was held in BAS Ein El Hillweh center on March 10th, 2015.

Meetings

BAS General Director Mr. Kassem Aina met Mrs. Olga Ambrosanio from ULAIA association and discussed the workflow of the common projects on March, 6th, 2015. In addition, he met Mrs. Sirkku Kivisto and discussed the workflow of the common projects. In the same day, he attended the assembly meeting of the Health Care Society, and he was elected again the secretary of the board.

As BAS cares of the safety and health of the camps, Al Rashidieh center's director Mr. Mahmoud Zeidan attended the two meetings organized by UNRWA and the Camp's Improvement Committee on behalf of BAS on March 10th & 17th, 2015. The meetings aimed at discussing the future projects that should be applied in respond to the inhabitants' needs.

On March 11th & 17th, three members from the Institute European de Cooperation et de Developpment (IECD) met the mothers of the kindergarten children with learning difficulties in Burj Barajneh center, and gave them directions and instructions about dealing with them.

The social worker Ms. Zohoor Akkawi from Shatila center attended the coordination meeting about woman rights organized by Arab NGOs Network for Development on March 5th, 2015.

She also attended the meeting organized by the International Pediatric Association with the kindergarten teacher Mrs. Mariam Shameyya about raising children in peace. The meeting was held on March 23rd, 2015 in the Doctors syndicate.

Visitors

- Mrs. Sirkku Kivisto was BAS prominent visitor for March. She visited all the FGCs and followed up the workflow. The two friends Mrs. Aulikki Ansamaa and Mrs. Leila Heinonen visited FGC Beirut, El Buss and Saida with Mrs. Sirkku and met MSN sponsored children.

They also visited Shatila center on March 7th, 2015 and they visited sponsored children.



Moreover, they were also accompanied to Ba'albek center by Mrs. Fatima Khayzaran and visited sponsored elderly in the camp and met the mothers involved in the knitting wool training on March 10th, 2015.

- Another friends from the Finnish Arab Friendship Society Mrs. Kirsti Palonen and Mrs. Nina Lyytinen visited Shatila and the embroidery centers on March 30th, 2015.



Shatila & Rashidieh Centers

- Mr. Bertan Salim, Mr. Mahmoud Abu Hashhash, and Mrs. Amal Kaawash from Al Kattan organization in Palestine followed up the music activities in the center on March 15th, 2015.
- Al Rashidieh and Shatila centers welcomed a Norwegian delegation from Jessheim School on March 23rd & 25th, 2015. The

delegation got an idea about the activities and programs of the centers and about the situation of the camps, they also visited families sponsored by them. The delegation donated 6 used laptops for the vocational training program in Al Rashidieh center .



Moreover, a drama workshop was

held with Al Rashidieh kindergarten children and a music one was held with the trainers and children involved in the Cultural Exchange Program with Norway.

- A delegation from the Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance visited Shatila center on March 27th, 2014 to get an idea about the institution and its services. During the meeting, BAS president Dr. Najla Bashour talked about the establishment of the institution, its services and relations. Mrs. Hanan Masri in return talked about BAS health services. The center's director Ms. Jamila She had had a role to talk about the services and activities of the center and about the situation of the camp and her working experience. After that, the delegation visited UNRWA clinic and Basma & Zeitouna organization.



Burj Shemali Center

- Two members from Nabaa organization Mr. Hamza Abu Hameed and Ms. Mira Ibrahim visited the center and discussed new programs for future collaboration on March 2nd, 2015.
- The Art teacher Mariam Haweela from the "Association Internationale pour la Sauvegard de Tyr" visited the center on March 2nd, 2015 and got an idea about the center's activities.
- A friend from Spain Ms. Claudia Martinez Mansell visited the center and discussed the possibility of applying a planting project on the roofs of the camp's houses on March 4th, 2015.
- The General Director Mrs. Salma Al Yassire, the project manager Mr. Mohammad Hourani from the Welfare association- Lebanon and Mr. Khaled Al Dawoud from Palestine were welcomed by the center on March 10th, 2015 to get an idea about its activities.
- On March 11th, 2015 Mr. Mohammad Maarouf, Mrs. Somaya Monasery, and Mr. Hussein Zeidan from Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) came to the center for future collaboration.
- Photographers from Saida TV visited Burj Shemali center and took photos for the music activities and peer educators on March 24th, 2015.



Ba'albek Center

- The two Finnish friends Mrs. Kirsti Palonen and Mrs. Nina Lyytinen visited Baalbeck center on March 29th, 2015. They met a group of mothers who are involved in the knitting wool training and distributed for them woolen socks and sweaters donated by the Solidarity Stitches group from Finland. Moreover, they participated in the drawings exhibition organized by one of the organizations in the camp. After that, they made a tour in Baalbeck city and Ras Al Ain Public Park.



Mar Elias Center

- The center welcomed a group of Palestinian doctors and engineers from the Palestinian Doctors and Engineers Union to conduct a special meeting on March 22nd, 2015.



A Letter from an Elderly

I'm Al Hajj Hussein Dalal (Abu Adel) from Ba'albek Camp. I was passing near BAS center in Wavel camp, and the construction of the new floor drew my attention. I started thinking by myself how amazing this institution is; it is working on supporting the Palestinian people for many years without any charge. This is BAS, the institution that defeated all difficulties in support of the Palestinian cause and to develop and enhance the Palestinians' social, economic, financial, educational and cultural situations. When I asked about the construction, I recognized that friends from Japan are supporting it, and I recognized how effectively BAS is working to build educated and developed generations.

I would like to thank BAS for their continuous commitment and efforts! Thank you Japanese people! Thanks to everyone who supports this institution and who works in it. We are living in the camp and we know how generous, how dynamic, and how amazing BAS is. BAS! You are the meaning of pride!

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activities with our appreciated
partners, friends and
colleagues.*

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