

## Completion Ceremony Is Held to Celebrate Re-Start of Unit No.1 of the Hartha Thermal Power Station Phase 2 with Supports of Japanese ODA Loan

On 3 November, 2022, the completion ceremony is held for Unit No.1 of the Hartha Thermal Power Station Phase 2 to celebrate its operation and electricity supply to the grid after rehabilitation works funded with the Japanese ODA Loan, with the presence of H.E. Mr. Ziyad Fadhel, Minister of Electricity of the Republic of Iraq, H.E. Kei Takagi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister, H.E. Mr. Futoshi Matsumoto, Japanese Ambassador to Iraq, and Mr. Gen Yoneda, Chief Representative, JICA Iraq Office.

H.E. Mr. Ziyad Fadhel expressed his appreciation for Japan's assistance in the project and its past assistance in developing Iraq's electricity sector, while also emphasizing the partnership of the two countries. Further he commemorated the project as being the symbol of cooperation between Japan and Iraq. Parliamentary Vice-Minister Takagi also noted that Japan's assistance has contributed to improving the lives of the Iraqi people, presented his compliments to the efforts of the people involved from both countries and affirmed the partnership of the two countries for years to come.

The Hartha Thermal Power Station (HTPS), with four units of 200 megawatts (MW) each, was originally built to generate 800 MW in total. The power station was constructed as one of the largest power plants in Iraq by the Japanese companies with Japan's financial assistance in 1982. Despite the huge deterioration of the facilities and past suspension of operation, the power plant still plays an important role to supply electricity for the life of people. Unit 1 and 4 have been rehabilitated with Japanese cooperation.

The Project has been implemented by Ministry of Electricity to rehabilitate Unit No.1 (rated output: 200MW) at the HTPS for restoring and stabilizing its power generation capacity. For implementation of the Project, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed the ODA loan agreement in the amount of 21,556 million yen with the Government of the Republic of Iraq.

This power plant will supply electricity to meet the demand in the Republic of Iraq, thereby strengthening the foundations for economic growth in Iraq. The JICA will contribute to solving issues in developing countries through the development of high-quality infrastructure.

