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### Conducting the 3<sup>rd</sup> joint task force meeting in the Ministry's meeting hall:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> JTF meeting held on 12/2/2013 to present the progress made by EVAP project so far. It was attended by Japanese experts (EVAP team), and EVAP counterparts from (MOA), the field level extensionists team from the DOA of Jericho, Tubas and Nablus. Different speakers who clarified the role of EVAP in the previous year and presented some concrete information about progress of demos and techniques being implemented & supervised in the field .



### Held a field day on (Guava Cultivation Techniques) in Kardala Village :

A field day was held in Kardala village about the suitable methods of pruning the Guava trees, with participation of farmers group from Kardala association, in cooperation with Tubas and Qalqelia Agriculture directorates. This workshop is aligned with the Ministry of Agriculture policies and EVAP plans. It aims at changing the conventional agricultural production, and introducing new crops that would contribute in improving farmers' profits and income



### Held a field day on "Silage Making Technique" in Beit Hasan:

A field day was held in Beit Hasan Village about the techniques of producing Silage from crops residues, in order to be used as alternative for animal fodders. The field day was attended by a group of farmers from Central Jordan Valley Cooperative for livestock development, Nablus agriculture Directorate, and NARC.



### Field visits for field activities follow-up in the targeted areas.



Exploring cheese hygienic conditions



Training on Guava cultivation technique



JICA mission in a workshop, Bardala



Planning for properly network design



Exploring the grafted watermelons seedlings



JICA Mission with a Pilot farmer, Bardala

### Held a Workshop about (Interviews communication Skills):

A workshop entitled “Interviews Communication Skills held in the Ministry headquarter in Ramallah on Sunday February 17, 2013, for the MOA field level extension officers” in order to enhance and upgrade their technical skills in the communication field.



### JICA mission visited EVAP target areas & cooperatives:

A mission from JICA visited many targeted areas & farmer groups in Jericho, Tubas, & Nablus in order to observe & evaluate EVAP activities conducted recently in cooperation with MOA counterparts. For this purpose, several meetings & interviews were conducted with MOA counterparts, field level extensionists, as well as JICA mission observed the interviews “pre-survey questions” made with some nominated farmer groups for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> cycle.

