

## Visit to Project on Restoration of Lake Urmia

H.E. Ambassador Koji HANEDA visited West Azerbaijan province to see the progress of the project on Restoration of the Lake Urmia.

Overusing water for irrigation is one of the main causes for the Lake's withdrawal.

Responding to the critical situation of the Lake Urmia, the Japanese Government has disbursed US\$ 2 million to the UNDP's project for restoration of the Lake Urmia, taking measures for sustainable agriculture.

Local farmers expressed their appreciation to the Japanese assistance and explained that they were able to reduce water consumption by improvement of the irrigation system and altering crops' cultivation pattern.



Local farmer explaining to Ambassador Haneda