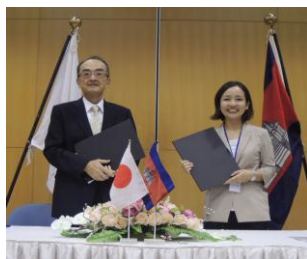


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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$141,232 FOR
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM STRENGTHENING
FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN**



Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects*, the Government of Japan provides US\$141,232 to PH-Japan Foundation (PHJ). The Grant Contract was signed today at the Embassy of Japan between H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Ms. ICHIHARA Kazuko, Country Representative of PHJ to implement “The Project of Primary Health Care System Strengthening for Mothers and Children in Kompong Cham Province”.

In order to improve the primary health care system in Stung Trang district, Kampong Cham Province, PHJ will start a new project and provide trainings for midwives and management workshops for health center staff and community health volunteers who will promote Maternal and Child Health (MCH) care to villagers and support for better communication between villagers and health center. Upon at the completion of the project, approximately 32,000 people in the target areas are expected to practice enduring MCH care and to promote their awareness of sanitation fostered through this project.

The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects started in Cambodia in 2002 to support activities by Japanese NGOs to help Cambodia's reconstruction and development efforts at the grassroots level. Since 2002, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$21.6 million for 80 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The project is the second one funded by this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2014 (April 2014 - March 2015).



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