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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$186,650 FOR PROMOTING  
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS IN RURAL CAMBODIA**



Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects*, the Government of Japan provides US\$186,650 to Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA). 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 Mr. TAMARI Kiyotaka, Country Representative of SVA to implement “The Project for Promoting Community Learning Centers in Rural Cambodia”.

In this project, SVA will construct two community learning centers equipped with furniture at Kouk Ballngk commune and Ou Prasat commune of Banteay Meanchey Province. With this project, more than 22,500 people at two rural communes will be able to learn reading and writing skills in order to improve their lives skill. In addition, SVA is planning to provide a capacity-building program to the management teams and the staffs of the community learning centers for their effective operation.

*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\$22.3 million for 82 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The project is the fourth one funded by this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2014 (April 2014 - March 2015).



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