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JAPAN PROVIDES US\$272,222 FOR STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR TUBERCULOSIS DIAGNOSIS IN RURAL CAMBODIA

Under the framework of *the Grant* Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects, the Government of Japan provides a total of US\$272,222 to the Japan Anti – Tuberculosis Association (JATA) for the Project for Strengthening Capacity for TB Diagnosis at Pea Raing Operational District in Prey Veng Province. The Grant Contract was



signed today between H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Mr. Seak Kunrath, Program Manager of JATA, at the Embassy of Japan.

In this project, JATA will install the medical equipment for tubercular diagnosis / tubercular checkup including the digital X- rays equipment, a fluorescence microscope in the Pea Raing Referral Hospital in Pea Raing Operational District, Prey Veng Province. With this project, many local people in the target areas will be able to have tubercular screenings in order to reduce a tubercular infection rate.

The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO 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\$20.4 million for 77 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health and mine clearance. The project is the seventh one funded by this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2013 (April 2013 - March 2014).

