

PRESS RELEASE

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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$264,502 FOR THE REHABILITATING IRRIGATION SYSTEMS
AND IMPROVING SANITARY FACILITIES
IN SIEMREAP, BATTAMBANG AND KAMPONG CHAM PROVINCE**

Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ("KUSANONE" Grant)*, the Government of Japan provides US\$264,502 to 2 Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology (PDOWRAM) and local NGO. The Grant Contract was signed today between H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and representatives of the recipient organizations, which would carry out the following projects:

1- The Project for Rehabilitating Canal Mok Buon in Battambang Province (US\$114,268)

Recipient: Battambang PDOWRAM

This project is to rehabilitate 850 m of secondly canals and the construction of 1,050m of tertiary canals and 3 intake structures. The project is expected to reduce the annual flood damage and provide better access to irrigation water for around 80 households in the region.



2- The Project for Rehabilitating Canal SC7 in Siem Reap Province (US\$121,578)
Recipient: Siem Reap PDOWRAM



This project is to rehabilitate 3,700m of secondly canals and construct a bank protection, a concrete bridge and 10 culverts. The project is expected to reduce the annual flood damage and provide better access to irrigation water for around 1,600 households in the region.

With the technical support from respective PDOWRAM, both targeted communities will be able to maintain the irrigation system in a good condition.

3- The Project for Improving Sanitary Facilities at 6 Primary Schools in Kang Meas District and Batheay District, Kampong Cham Province (US\$28,656)

Recipient: Rain Water Cambodia

This project is to construct 6 rain water tanks, 5 hand washing stations, 6 drinking water fountains, 10 toilets, and demolish 4 toilets, and improve 11 toilets. The project is expected to improve sanitary facilities for around 2,400 students and teachers in 6 primary schools.



Japan's "KUSANONE" Grant Assistance started in Cambodia in 1991 in order to support Cambodia's reconstruction and development efforts at the grassroots level. The assistance is aimed at protecting vulnerable individuals from such factors as poverty and misfortunes that directly threaten their lives, livelihood, and dignity, as well as at promoting self-reliance of local communities. Since 1991, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$50.9 millions for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 509 projects throughout the country.



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