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## Japanese study team for electoral reform assistance to Cambodia

A Japanese Government's technical study team for the preparation of assistance to Cambodian electoral reform completed its scheduled work on 23 May 2014. During this mission from 19 May, the team conducted intensive and meaningful discussions with various key stakeholders such as the members of the CPP-CNRP Joint Committee for Electoral Reforms, election-related authorities, foreign development partners and international organizations as well as representatives of civil society.

Based upon the findings and outcome of this time's mission, the Government of Japan will consider appropriate ways of assisting Cambodian electoral reform, keeping in touch with other relevant stakeholders.

Japan considers that our assistance will be useful only when it is based on the good political agreement on the issue between the major political parties in Cambodia. In this regard, we strongly hope that the on-going discussion between CPP and CNRP will come to a successful conclusion at the earliest possible time.

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