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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$887,097 FOR
CAPACITY BUILDING ON DEMINING FOR CMAC**

Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects*, the Government of Japan provides ¥ 86,048,409 (approximately US\$887,097) to Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS). 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. SHIMMYO Susumu, Resident Representative of JMAS to implement “The Project for Capacity Building on Demining for CMAC”.



This project is to organize a new curriculum “integrated demining course” to teach efficient demining ways, which combine manpower and machines to CMAC demining platoons by the technical support of JMAS advisors at Chaeng Mean Chey Commune in Banan District, Battambang Province. In addition, as part of technical transfer, one platoon trained by JMAS in previous projects will be reformed as a model platoon. It is expected to play an important role for contributing to South- South Corporation. The project is estimated to benefit about 400 CMAC operators and 5,900 villagers by alleviating the threat of mines and leading to community development in the areas once mines are cleared.

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\$21.4 million for 79 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The project is the first one funded by this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2014 (April 2014 - March 2015).



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