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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$173,413 FOR INSTALLING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN PURSAT
AND CONSTRUCTING A SURGERY WARD IN TAKEO**

Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ("KUSANONE" Grant)*, the Government of Japan provides US\$173,413 for two Operational Districts. The Grant Contracts were signed today between the representatives of the recipient organizations and H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, to carry out the following projects:

1- The Project for Installing Medical Equipment at Bakan Referral Hospital in Pursat Province (US\$83,080)

Recipient: Bakan Operational District in Pursat Province

This project is to install five medical machines: X-ray, Doppler, Dental Chair, Hematology Analyzer and Chemical Analyzer. It is expected to provide better medical services to around 160,000 people in the region.

2- The Project for Constructing Surgery Ward at Preykabas Referral Hospital in Takeo Province (US\$ 90,333)

Recipient: Preykabas Operational District in Takeo Province

In order to provide a better operation facility at Preykabas Referral Hospital, this project aims to construct a surgery ward. It is estimated that this project enables approximately 160,000 people in the region to have access to better medical service.

Japan's "KUSANONE" Projects 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\$54.1 millions for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 538 KUSANONE projects in Cambodia.

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