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JAPAN PROVIDES US\$268,248 FOR REHABILITATING IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN PURSAT PROVINCE, REHABILITATING IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN PREY VENG PROVINCE AND CONSTRUCTING PATROL STATION IN PURSAT PROVINCE

Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ("KUSANONE" Grant)*, the Government of Japan provides US\$268,248 to Pursat Provincial Department of Water Resources Meteorology, Prey Veng Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology and Forestry Administration of Pursat Cantonment. The Grant Contracts were 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 Rehabilitation of Anlong Rong Irrigation System in Pursat Province (US\$89,775)

Recipient: Pursat Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology

The first project, which amounts to USD 89,775, intends to expand irrigated areas in Bakan District, Pursat Province. Project components include rehabilitation of 2,100 m embankment, construction of intake structure, box culvert and 3 turnout structures. About 1,500 people are expected to gain a constant access to irrigation water after completion of the project.

2- The Project for Rehabilitation of Sdao Secondary Canal Irrigation System in Prey Veng Province (US\$ 89,423)

Recipient: Prey Veng Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology

The second project, which amounts to USD 89,423, intends to expand irrigated areas in Preah Sdach District, Prey Veng Province. Project components include rehabilitation of 2,250 m embankment, construction of intake structure, check structure and 2 turnout structures. About 1,000 people are expected to gain a constant access to irrigation water after completion of the project.

3- The Project for Constructing Patrol Station in Central Cardamom Protected Forest in Pursat Province (US\$ 89,050)

Recipient: Forestry Administration of Pursat Cantonment

The third project, which amounts to \$89,050, assists the Forestry Administration of Pursat Cantonment for constructing a patrol station in Central Cardamom Protected Forest in Pursat Province. With this project, the patrol station, will be built with two-storied building and 10 rooms. The patrol station will strengthen patrol activities against illegal logging. It will benefit about 5,400 households who are engaged in making their livelihood from nature products.

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 million for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 540 KUSANONE projects.

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