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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$200,339 FOR PROMOTING
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS IN RURAL CAMBODIA**

Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects*, the Government of Japan provides US\$200,339 to Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA). 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. TAMARI Kiyotaka, Country Director of SVA to implement “The Project for Promoting Community Learning Centers in Rural Cambodia Phase III”.

In this project, SVA will construct a community learning center equipped with furniture at Ta An commune of Siem Reap Province. With this project, more than 4,281 people at the commune will be able to learn reading and writing skills in order to improve their basic skill for living. In addition, SVA is planning to formulate a capacity-building program for the management teams and the staff of the community learning centers for their effective operation.

The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects in Cambodia was started 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\$23 million for 88 projects, mainly in the fields of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The project is the second one which is funded by this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2015 (April 2015 - March 2016).

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