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JAPAN PROVIDES US\$330,269 FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF FOUR PROJECTS

Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ("KUSANONE" Grant)*, the Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$330,269 in total for 4 recipient organizations. The Grant Contracts have been signed today between H.E. Mr. HORINOUCHI Hidehisa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and the representatives of the recipients respectively, to carry out the following projects:

1- "The Project for Constructing Obstetrics and Pediatrics Ward at Phnum Srok Referral Hospital in Banteay Meanchey Province' (US\$82,145)

Recipient: Banteay Meanchey Provincial Department of Health

Through this project, an obstetrics and pediatrics ward will be built in Phnum Srok Referral Hospital in Banteay Meanchey Province. It is estimated that this project enables approximately 360 obstetric patients and 1,900 pediatric patients to have access to better medical services.

2- 'The Project for Rehabilitation of Veal Sdoav Irrigation System in Kampong Cham Province' (US\$82,524)

<u>Recipient: Kampong Cham Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology</u> Through this project, a 480m-long dam, 1,450m-long access road and two water gate structures will be rehabilitated and four culverts will be newly constructed to expand irrigated areas in Stueng Trang District, Kampong Cham Province. About 3,500 people are expected to gain constant access to irrigation water after completion of the project.

3- <u>'The Project for Constructing Agricultural Cooperative Centers in Stung Treng Province'</u> (US\$83,000)

<u>Recipient: Stung Treng Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries</u> Through this project, three agricultural cooperative centers will be built for three respective agricultural cooperatives, and agricultural machines such as two-wheel tractors, rice threshing machines, a soybean threshing machine, cassava chippers and a rice bed dryer will be provided. About 800 people is expected to benefit from the activities of the agricultural cooperatives. 4- <u>'The Project for Road Improvement in Pang Rolim Village, O'tavao Commune, Pailin City,</u> Pailin Province' (US\$82,600)

Recipient: Pailin Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport

Through this project, two triple-cell culverts will be installed for road improvement in Pailin City, Pailin Province. This project is expected to benefit nearly 4,300 people in the region. It is also expected that the improved road will provide the local people with an easier access to schools, hospitals and markets and promote transportation of agricultural products.

Japan's "KUSANONE" Projects started in Cambodia in 1991 in order to support Cambodia's reconstruction and development at the grassroots level. The assistance aims to protect vulnerable people from various factors such as poverty and misfortunes that directly threaten their lives, livelihood, and dignity, as well as to promote self-reliance of local communities. Since 1991, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$55 million for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 562 KUSANONE projects throughout Cambodia.

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