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in the Kingdom of Cambodia**

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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$247,734
FOR IMPROVING HEALTH CARE AND IRRIGATION**

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\$247,734** in total for 3 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 Installing Medical Equipment at Chamkar Leu Referral Hospital in Kampong Cham Province' (US\$82,180)

Recipient: Chamkar Leu Operational District in Kampong Cham Province

Through this project, a set of equipment, including surgical and laboratory equipment, will be installed at Chamkar Leu Referral Hospital in Kampong Cham Province. It is estimated that this project enables about 660 patients per year to undergo surgeries at the hospital.

2- 'The Project for Constructing Emergency Ward at Stoung Referral Hospital in Kampong Thom Province' (US\$83,175)

Recipient: Kampong Thom Provincial Department of Health

Through this project, an emergency ward will be built at Stoung Referral Hospital in Kampong Thom Province. About 660 emergency patients per year are expected to be treated in this new ward, and 3,100 outpatients per year will benefit from the triage service which will be newly established in the ward.

3- 'The Project for Rehabilitation of Boeung Kanseng Irrigation System in Pursat Province' (US\$82,379)

Recipient: Pursat Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology

Through this project, a 2,310m-long secondary canal of Boeung Kanseng irrigation system will be rehabilitated and an intake structure and 3 turnout structures will also be constructed in the system. About 3,300 people are expected to gain stable access to irrigation water and the irrigated agricultural land will be expanded under the rehabilitated system.

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\$56 million for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 565 *KUSANONE* projects throughout Cambodia.

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