

令和4年度草の根・人間の安全保障無償資金協力 署名式典

令和5年3月17日(金)、令和4年度草の根・人間の安全保障無償資金協力に係る署名式典を当館多目的ホールにて開催しました。同署名式では、郵便電気通信省のチア・バンデート大臣とコフ・マカラ長官による出席の下、植野篤志大使が、タケオ州郵便電気通信局のスライ・サールーン局長との間で「タケオ州バティ郡コミュニティテックセンター建設計画」(供与限度額 145,692 米ドル)についての贈与契約書に署名しました。

タケオ州郵便電気通信局が実施する案件では、同州バティ郡における公立学校内にインターネット提供スペース、コンピューター室、研修室、郵便局を備えたコミュニティテックセンター1棟を建設します。

近年、当国では、ICT活用能力を有する人材への雇用需要が高まっています。一方で、同地域の公立学校には生徒が使用可能なコンピューターや関連機材が設置されておらず、民間のパソコン教室等を利用するにも高額な費用を負担しなければならないため、生徒を含む住民らがICTやデジタル技術について学ぶ機会は限られており、民間企業が求める能力を獲得する際の障壁となっています。本案件でコミュニティテックセンターが整備されることで、同地域の若者や住民らがICT機器を利用してデジタル技術を習得することができるようになり、就業機会を増やすことに繋がることを期待されます。



タケオ州郵便電気通信局の
スライ・サールーン局長との署名の様子



植野大使によるスピーチの様子

続いてチア・バンデート郵便電気通信大臣がスピーチを行い、日本国民及び政府への感謝の意を表明するとともに、本事業の概要説明及び日本とカンボジアの益々の友好関係促進を願う旨発言がありました。

式典では、植野大使がスピーチを行い、今回の支援が対象地域の生徒や住民たちに直接裨益し、カンボジアと日本の更なる友好促進につながることを願うと述べました。



チア・バンデート郵便電気通信大臣による
スピーチの様子

**Speech by H.E. Mr. UENO Atsushi,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan
to the Kingdom of Cambodia
at the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for Grassroots Human
Security Projects
17 March, 2023**

- His Excellency Dr. Chea Vandeth, Minister of Post and Telecommunications
- His Excellency Dr. Khov Makara, Secretary of State, Ministry of Post and Telecommunications
- Mr. SREY Saroeun, Director, Takeo Provincial Department of Post and Telecommunications,
- Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the Embassy of Japan. I am pleased to host this signing ceremony for a grant contract of KUSANONE projects, the Grassroots Human Security Projects, today.

Since 1991, the Government of Japan has been providing KUSANONE grant in Cambodia in order to directly help local authorities and NGOs who are implementing projects. KUSANONE means literally “grassroots” in Japanese. In the last 30 plus years, the Embassy of Japan has contributed to 707 projects across Cambodia through KUSANONE Grants. We are pleased that these projects have been directly contributing to improving the quality of life of Cambodian people at the grassroots level.

Today, I would like to introduce the project signed as follow:

The Government of Japan provides US\$145,692 (one hundred and forty-five thousand six hundred and ninety-two US dollars) for the project to be implemented by Takeo Provincial Department of Post and Telecommunications, for constructing a community tech center at a public school in Bati District, Takeo Province. It is expected to benefit approximately 8,000 residents as well as approximately 1,000 students in the area through the first ever establishment of the community tech center, which will provide an opportunity to learn ICT and digital technology.

I am pleased to observe that Cambodia has been rapidly developing recently. However, I also recognize that there are still various challenges to be addressed to improve people's quality of life. Japan will continue to contribute to solving these challenges using various official development aid schemes including KUSANONE.

Lastly, but not least, I wish you all present here today good health and happiness and further development of the friendship between Japan and Cambodia.

Thank you very much for your attention.



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**Japan Provides US\$145,692
for Constructing Community Tech Center**

The Government of Japan will provide US\$145,692 for a recipient organization under the framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (“KUSANONE” Grant)*. The Grant Contract was signed today between H.E. Mr. UENO Atsushi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and the representative of the recipient, to carry out the following project.

**‘The Project for Construction of Community Tech Center in Bati District, Takeo Province’
(US\$145,692)**

Recipient: Takeo Provincial Department of Post and Telecommunications

In this project, a community tech center will be built at a public school in Bati District, Takeo Province. Although the demand for workers with ICT knowledge has been increasing in Cambodia, many young people in rural communities are not given much opportunity to learn ICT and digital technology due to the lack of ICT infrastructure and curriculum, and thus, their low ICT skills and literacy become parts of the obstacles to employment. This project aims to rectify the situation, and it is expected to benefit about 8,000 residents as well as about 1,000 students in the area through the first ever establishment of the community tech center, which will provide more opportunity to learn ICT and digital technology.

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 those who are vulnerable due to various factors such as poverty and/or 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\$66 million for mainly local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 707 KUSANONE projects throughout Cambodia.

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