

## 令和5年度草の根・文化無償資金協力 署名式典

令和6年3月21日（木）、令和5年度草の根・文化無償資金協力に係る署名式典を大使公邸にて開催しました。同署名式では、植野篤志大使が、カンボジア車いすバスケットボール連盟会長のシソワット・カンティレット王女との間で「車いすバスケットボール屋根付きコート整備計画」（供与限度額 76,333 米ドル）の贈与契約書に署名しました。

本事業は、バタンバン州リハビリテーションセンター内にある既存のバスケットボールコートに屋根付きコートを整備するものです。既存のコートには屋根がなかったため、車いすバスケットボール選手は日差しの弱い朝方か夕方しか練習が出来ず、天候が悪い日には全く練習することが出来ませんでした。本事業により屋根付きのコートが整備されることで、選手は時間や天候に左右されることなく練習に励むことが出来るようになり、国際大会での益々の活躍が期待されるとともに、より多くの人々がスポーツへ関心を持つようになることが期待されます。



車いすバスケットボール連盟会長  
シソワット・カンティレット王女との署名



植野大使によるスピーチ

式典では、まず植野大使がスピーチを行い、今回の支援がカンボジア車いすバスケットボール代表チームの国際大会における更なる活躍や、カンボジア国民のスポーツへの興味が高まり、より健康的で充実した生活を送ることができるようになること、日本とカンボジアの更なる友好促進につながることを願うと述べました。続いて、カンボジア車いすバスケットボール連盟会長のシソワット・カンティレット王女がスピーチを行い、日本国民及び政府への感謝の意を表明するとともに、本事業の実施は、障がいをもつ全てのスポーツ選手にとって希望となるものであると述べました。

**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 Cultural Grassroots Projects  
21 March, 2024**

- Her Royal Highness Princess シソワット カンティレット Sisowath Kanthireth, President of Cambodia Wheelchair Basketball Federation
- Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning. I am pleased to host this signing ceremony for the grant contract of the Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects (“KUSANONE”), today.

This Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects supports local authorities and NGOs to implement projects that directly contributes to the promotion of cultural, sports activities and higher education as well as the preservation of cultural heritage in developing countries.

For the project we sign today, the Government of Japan provides US\$76,333 (seventy-six thousand, three hundred and thirty-three US dollar) for Cambodia Wheelchair Basketball Federation (CWBF), with purpose of constructing a roofing for the existing wheelchair basketball court located at the Physical Rehabilitation Center in Battambang. Due to the lack of roofing, wheelchair basketball athletes could only practice in limited time, as they cannot practice under strong sunshine, rainy situation or when it is dark. However, after the roofing is completed, it is expected

that athletes can practice basketball anytime regardless of the weather, and the wheelchair basketball team could achieve better results in an international competition in the future. Furthermore, I hope that more Cambodian people would be interested in playing sports, and would live a healthier society through that engagement.

Japan and Cambodia have been enjoying the very close diplomatic relationships more than 70 years. I hope this project will further facilitate cultural exchanges and deepen friendship and mutual understanding between the two countries. Also, Japan will continue to contribute to solving challenges to improve quality of life by using various economic and development cooperation schemes including two “KUSANONES” which are the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, and the Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects.

Last, 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\$76,333 for Roofing Construction of a Wheelchair Basketball Court in Battambang Province**

The Government of Japan will provide US\$76,333 for a recipient organization under the framework, *the Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects (“KUSANONE”)*. The Grant Contract was signed today between H.E. Mr. UENO Atsushi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and H.R.H. Princess Sisowath Kanthireth, President of Cambodia Wheelchair Basketball Federation (CWBF) respectively, to carry out the following project.

#### **The Project for the Roofing Construction of a Wheelchair Basketball Court (US\$76,333)**

#### **Recipient: Cambodia Wheelchair Basketball Federation (CWBF)**

This grant will be used to construct a roofing for the current wheelchair basketball court located at Physical Rehabilitation Center in Battambang. As the court has no roofing, athletes of wheelchair basketball has limited time to practice during morning or evening when the sun is not too high, or even may not practice at all when it is raining. Through this project, it is expected to enable athletes to practice anytime regardless of day or night and weather, and lead the wheelchair basketball team to achieve better results in an international competitions in the future. Furthermore with great anticipation, more people would be interested in playing sports, and through that engagement, people could live a healthier society in the future.

Japan’s “KUSANONE” *Cultural Grassroots Projects* directly contributes to the promotion of cultural, sports, and higher educational activities and preservation of cultural heritage conducted by non-profit organizations that are active at the grassroots level in developing countries.

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