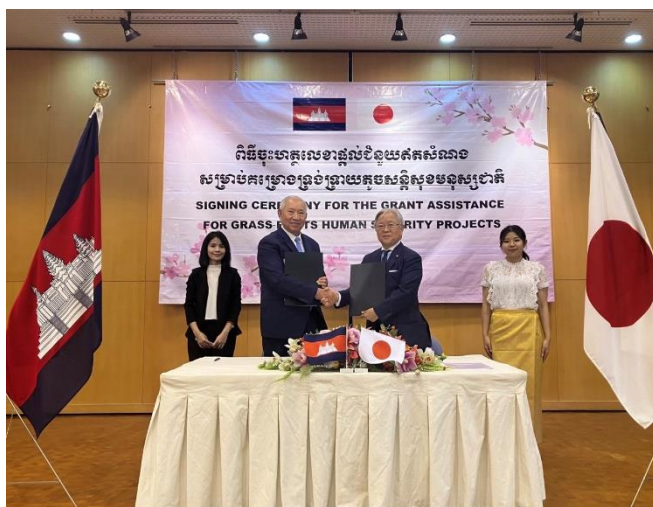


令和6年度草の根・人間の安全保障無償資金協力の署名式典

令和7年2月21日（金）令和6年度草の根・人間の安全保障無償資金協力の署名式典を当館多目的ホールにて開催しました。同式典では、植野篤志大使がカンボジア・ルーラル・ウォーター・アソシエーションのエク・ソンチャン代表との間で「シェムリアップ州コンポンクレアン地区2村給水システム整備計画」（供与限度額243,450米ドル）の贈与契約書に署名しました。

「シェムリアップ州コンポンクレアン地区2村給水システム整備計画」では浄水施設1棟及び配水管8kmを整備します。対象地域2村は、僻地に位置していることから同地区内で唯一、上水道の整備が行き届いていません。そのため、池や運河、湖から汲んできた濁った水を使用する場合もあり、下痢や感染症などが問題となっています。本事業の実施により、上記2村内の住民計426世帯約2,300人が、24時間いつでも安全な水にアクセスできるようになり、住民の水衛生環境が大きく改善することが期待されます。



カンボジア・ルーラル・ウォーター・アソシエーション
エク・ソンチャン代表との署名後の様子



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住民に直接裨益し、カンボジアと日本の更なる友好促進につながることを期待する旨述べました。続いてエク・ソンチャン代表がスピーチを行い、日本国民及び政府への感謝の意を表明するとともに、着実に事業を推進していくことを約束しました。

**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 Grassroots Human Security Projects
21 February 2025**

- H.E. Mr. エクソンチャン Ek Sonnchan, Director of Cambodian Rural Water Association,
Minister attached to Prime Minister,
- Your Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen,

Good morning, and welcome to the Embassy of Japan. I am pleased to host this signing ceremony for the grant contracts being implemented through KUSANONE, Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, today.

Since 1991, the Government of Japan has been providing KUSANONE in Cambodia in order to directly assist local authorities and NGOs who are implementing projects. KUSANONE literally means “grassroots” in Japanese. In the last 30 plus years, the Embassy of Japan has contributed to nearly 700 projects across Cambodia through this scheme. We are pleased that these projects are directly contributing to improvement in the quality of life of Cambodian people at the grassroots level.

I would now like to briefly explain the outline of the project that we have just signed.

The Government of Japan will provides US\$243,450 (two hundred and forty-three thousand, four hundred and fifty US dollars) to the Cambodian Rural Water Association for the installation of water supply system in 2 villages in コンボンクレアン Kampong Khleang commune, Siem Reap province. It is expected that

approximately 2,300 people living in the area will have access to affordable clean water and adequate sanitation, which will contribute to the improvement in their living standard.

Water supply is one of the flagship areas of cooperation by Japan to Cambodia. Last year in Japan, a well-known documentary TV program made by NHK was broadcasted. It featured our cooperation on water supply and highlighted H.E. Mr. Ek Sonnchan's strong will to make drinkable water accessible to the people in Cambodia. This documentary impressed many people in Japan.

Despite the rapid economic growth of Cambodia, I also recognize that there are still various challenges to be addressed in order to improve people's quality of life. Japan will continue to contribute to solving these challenges using various ODA schemes, including KUSANONE.

Last, but not least, I wish everyone present here today good health and happiness and I also wish for the further development of the friendship between Japan and Cambodia.

Thank you very much for your attention.



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Japan Provides US\$243,450 for Installation of Water Supply System

The Government of Japan will provide US\$243,450 for a recipient organization under the framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (“KUSANONE”)*. The Grant Contracts were 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 the Installation of Water Supply System at 2 Villages in Kampong Khleang Commune, Siem Reap Province’ (US\$243,450)

Recipient: Cambodian Rural Water Association

In this project, water supply system will be constructed and approximately 8 km water distribution networks will be installed at 2 villages in Kampong Khleang Commune in Siem Reap Province. Most of the people living in this area have difficulty accessing to safe drinking water and are facing health risks due to the lack of water supply facility within the commune. Through this project, more than 2,300 people will have access to affordable clean water and adequate sanitation, which will contribute to the improvement in their living standards.

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\$71 million for mainly local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 700 KUSANONE projects throughout Cambodia.

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