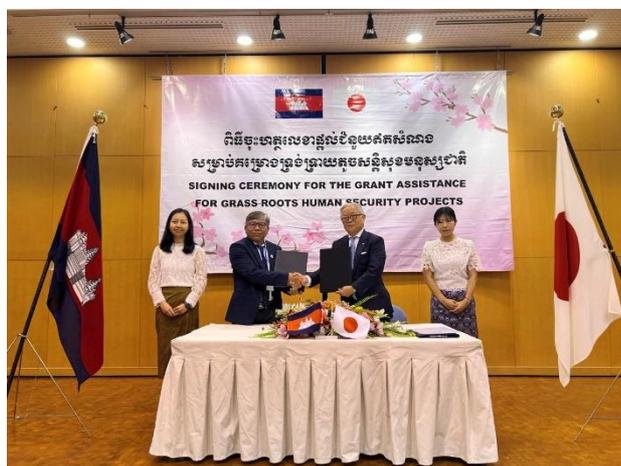


令和7年度草の根・人間の安全保障無償資金協力の署名式典

令和8年2月6日（金）、令和7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、ライ・ソティ・バンテアイミエンチェイ州水資源気象局局長代理との間で「バンテアイミエンチェイ州オースロラウチロム灌漑施設改修計画」（供与限度額 220,216 米ドル）の贈与契約に、また、カオ・キム・アン・モンドルキリ州職業訓練校校長との間で「モンドルキリ州職業訓練校女子学生寮建設及び訓練機材整備計画」（供与限度額 81,688 米ドル）の贈与契約書に署名しました。

「バンテアイミエンチェイ州オースロラウチロム灌漑施設改修計画」では、老朽化した灌漑施設の改修により、6村にわたり、6,000人以上の地域住民に対する通年で安定した農業用水の供給が可能になります。これにより、米をはじめとする農作物の生産性向上と地域住民の生活の質の改善に貢献するとともに、タイとの国境紛争の影響によりタイから帰還した人々が、地域において農業に従事し、安定した生計を築くことを後押しすることが期待されます。



「モンドルキリ州職業訓練校女子学生寮建設及び訓練機材整備計画」では、女子学生寮を建設するとともに、職業訓練機材を供与します。この事業により、女子学生の生活環境が大幅に改善されるとともに、職業訓練校の学生数増加に大きく貢献することができます。また、新しく供与される教育機材を使ってより効果的な職業訓練の実施が可能になり、モンドルキリ州における若者の雇用機会の増大に寄与することが期待されます。





式典において植野大使は、今回の支援が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。

続いて各団体の代表者がスピーチを行い、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。

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**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 the Grassroots Human Security Projects
6 February 2026**

- Your Excellency Mr. Taing Phengrithy, Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training,
- Mr. DIM Ny, Deputy Governor of Mondulhiri Province,
- Mr. KOR Kim An, Director of the Mondulhiri Provincial Training Center,
- Mr. LAY Sothy, Acting Director of the Banteay Meanchey Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology,
- Distinguished guests, ladies, and gentlemen,

Good morning, and welcome to the Embassy of Japan. I am pleased to be hosting this signing ceremony today for the grant contract that is being implemented through the KUSANONE Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects scheme.

At the outset, please allow me to briefly touch upon the border dispute between Cambodia and Thailand. The Government of Japan and I, personally, welcome the 2nd ceasefire agreement and the safe return of the 18 Cambodian soldiers before the end of last year. The Government of Japan will continue to undertake various initiatives to support further de-escalation of tensions and to provide a wide range of assistance.

Now back to today's agenda, the Government of Japan has been providing KUSANONE in Cambodia since 1991 in order to directly assist local authorities

and NGOs with the implementation of their projects. KUSANONE literally means “grassroots” in Japanese and, over the last 30 plus years, the Embassy of Japan has contributed to over 700 projects across Cambodia through the KUSANONE scheme. We are pleased that these projects are directly contributing to an improvement in the quality of life for the Cambodian people at a grassroots level.

I would now like to introduce the projects that we have just signed for.

For the first project, which will be implemented by the Banteay Meanchey Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology, the Government of Japan is providing US\$220,216 (two hundred and twenty thousand, two hundred and sixteen US dollars) to rehabilitate irrigation facilities in Banteay Meanchey Province. This project will contribute to the stable supply of agricultural water for more than 6,000 residents across 6 villages, thereby improving agricultural productivity and enhancing the quality of life of local residents. In addition, it is expected to support agricultural employment opportunities for Cambodian people who have returned from Thailand as a result of the border situation between Cambodia and Thailand.

For the second project, which will be implemented by the Mondulhiri Provincial Training Center, the Government of Japan is providing US\$81,688 (eighty one thousand, six hundred and eighty eight US dollars) to construct a dormitory for female students and provide new vocational training equipment. The dormitory facilities will provide female students with a comfortable place to stay and the new equipment will give all the students the opportunity to learn the kinds of vocational skills that will help them to find work after graduation.

I am pleased to have observed Cambodia's rapid development in recent years. However, I also recognize that there are still various challenges to be addressed in order to further improve people's quality of life. Under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, Japan will continue to contribute to the addressing of these challenges through 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\$301,904
for Irrigation Facility Rehabilitation,
the Construction of a Dormitory for Female Students
and the Installment of Vocational Training Equipment**

The Government of Japan will provide a total of US\$301,904 to two recipient organizations under *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (“KUSANONE”)* framework. The Grant Contracts for the following two projects were signed today by H.E. Mr. UENO Atsushi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and the representatives of the two recipient organizations.

1. ‘Project for the Rehabilitation of Ou Srolao Chhrom Irrigation Facilities in Banteay Meanchey Province’ (US\$220,216)

Recipient: Banteay Meanchey Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology

This grant will be used to rehabilitate existing irrigation facilities where reservoir functionality is currently inadequate. This area is drought-prone during the dry season because the irrigation infrastructure doesn’t capture and store an adequate amount of water during the rainy season. Moreover, there is no sluice gate in the most appropriate location for one. This has made it more difficult to efficiently distribute water to agricultural fields. Through the improvement of irrigation facilities, the project is expected to secure a stable supply of agricultural water throughout the year and benefit more than 6,000 local residents, including those who have returned from Thailand as a result of the border conflicts between Cambodia and Thailand.

2. ‘Project for the Construction of a Female Student Dormitory and the Installment of Vocational Training Equipment at Mondulkiri Provincial Training Center’ (US\$81,688)

Recipient: Mondulkiri Provincial Training Center

This grant will be used to construct a dormitory for female students and provide vocational training equipment. The dormitory will provide female students with a comfortable place to stay and the new equipment will give all of the students the opportunity to learn the kinds of vocational skills that will help them to find work after graduation. This project will, therefore,

lead to an improvement in the standard of living for the residents in the area.

Japan's "KUSANONE" Projects started in Cambodia in 1991 with the aim of supporting Cambodia's reconstruction and development at the grassroots level. The "KUSANONE" assistance projects aim to protect those who are vulnerable as a result of factors, such as poverty and/or misfortune, that are directly threatening their lives, livelihoods, and dignity. The "KUSANONE" assistance also focusses on developing the self-reliance of local communities. Since 1991, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$72 million, mainly to local authorities and non-governmental organizations, to assist them with the implementation of over 700 KUSANONE projects throughout Cambodia.

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