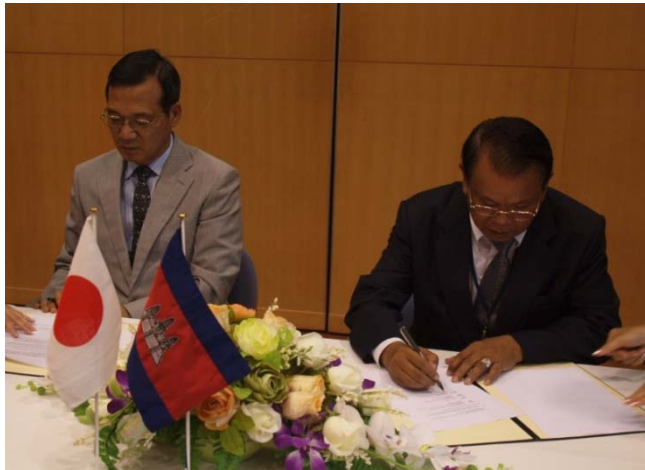


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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$123,340 FOR
CONSTRUCTING TRAINING WARD**



Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ("KUSANONE" Grant)*, the Government of Japan provides a total of US\$123,340 to Kampong Cham Provincial Referral Hospital for the Project for Constructing Training Ward at Kampong Cham Provincial Referral Hospital. The Grant Contract was

signed today between H.E. Mr. KUROIKI Masafumi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Dr. Meas Chea, Hospital Director of Kampong Cham Provincial Referral Hospital, at the Embassy of Japan.

In order to improve the training environment for medical staff and medical students, Kampong Cham Provincial Referral Hospital will construct a training ward, which includes class rooms and accommodation facility. Approximately 1,000 medical professionals and students will benefit from this project. Further, approximately 1,700,000 residents in the province will benefit from the improved medical services at the hospital, as the hospital staff will no longer spend time travelling to training venues afar from the hospital and thus be able to engage in trainings without disrupting the services provided at the hospital.

Japan's "KUSANONE" Grant Assistance started in Cambodia in 1991 in order to support Cambodia's reconstruction and development efforts at the grassroots level. The assistance is aimed at protecting vulnerable individuals from such factors as poverty and misfortunes that directly threaten their lives, livelihood, and dignity, as well as at promoting self-reliance of local communities. Since 1991, the Government

of Japan has provided US\$47.7 millions for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 475 projects throughout the country.



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