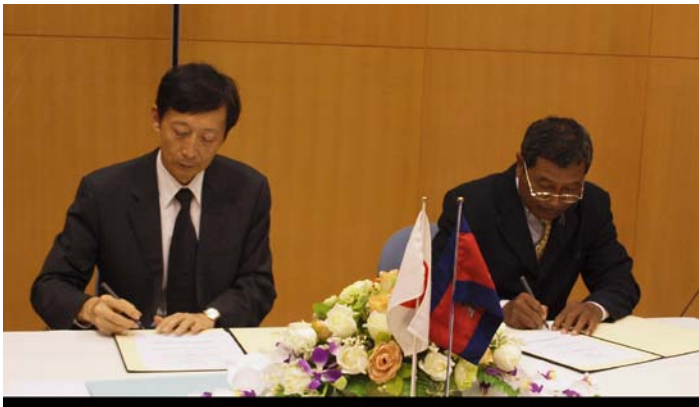


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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$90,900 PRINTING VOTERS' GUIDE
FOR THE COMMUNE COUNCIL ELECTION IN 2012**



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\$90,900 to Advocacy Team of Associations and NGOs for the Project for Printing Voters' Guide for the Commune Council Election in

2012. The Grant Contract was signed today between Mr. KAWAMURA Hiroshi, Deputy Chief of Mission / Minister, Embassy of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Mr. Mok Mai, President of Advocacy Team of Associations and NGOs, at the Embassy of Japan.

In order to provide information on the Commune Council Election in 2012 to voters, Advocacy Team of Associations and NGOs (AT) will print the Voters' Guide which contains basic information about the election. Voters will be informed of the right to vote, the voting procedure and the electoral process with the guide. This project makes it possible for more than 3 million voters in all over the country to receive information of the Commune Council Election on June 2012.

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 over US\$47 millions for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 468 projects throughout the country.



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