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IN THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA

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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$17,570 FOR SUPPORTING  
LITERACY EDUCATION**

Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects* ("KUSANONE" Grant), the Government of Japan provides US\$17,570 to Cultural Aid Project for South East Asia for the Project for Supporting Literacy Education. The Grant Contract was signed today between Mr. MACHIDA Tatsuya, Counsellor, Embassy of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Dr. PENN Setharin, Representative of Cultural Aid Project for South East Asia, at the Embassy of Japan.



In order to provide better literacy education, Cultural Aid Project for South East Asia (CAPSEA), an international NGO, will print 3,000 Khmer literacy textbooks and translate 2,000 pages of 74 Japanese picture books into Khmer. The full-color Khmer literacy textbooks will be distributed to a literacy class and 19 primary schools. The translated Japanese picture books will enable over 300 children and villagers to enjoy reading stories in the primary schools and villages where the CAPSEA mobile library visits every week. As a part of the project, 10 folding chairs with desks will be equipped in the CAPSEA literacy class. It will contribute to the improvement of literacy education especially for the small children in Cambodia.

*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\$47.5 millions for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 472 projects throughout the country.



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