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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$93,700
FOR REHABILITATING THMART PONG IRRIGATION SYSTEM
IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE**

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\$ 93,700 to Battambang Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology (PDOWRAM) for the Project of Rehabilitating Thmart Pong Irrigation **System in Battambang**



Province. The Grant Contract was signed today between Mr. MACHIDA Tatsuya, Counselor, Embassy of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Mr. LONG Phalkun, Director of Battambang PDOWRAM, at the Embassy of Japan.



With the grant, Thmart Pong Irrigation System will be rehabilitated by PDOWRAM. The project includes rehabilitation of 3,050m of tertiary canal and construction of drop structure. It is expected to reduce the annual flood damage and provide better access to the water for irrigation for around 3,188 households in the region. With the technical support from the PDOWRAM, the community will maintain the irrigation

system in a good condition. *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 473 projects throughout the country.



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