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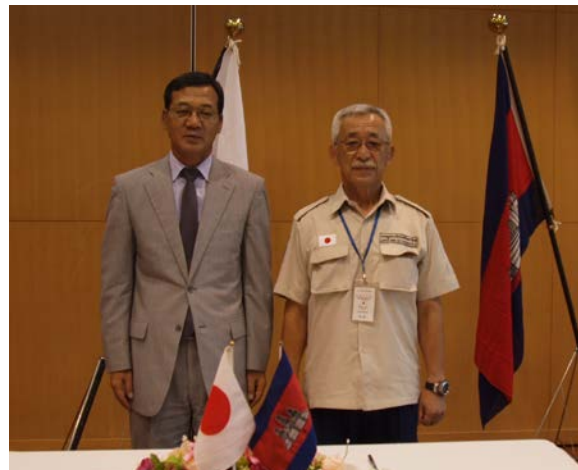
**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$839,363 FOR IMPROVING
MINE CLEARANCE IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE**



Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects*, the Government of Japan provides ¥ 67,988,403 (approximately US\$839,363) to Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS). The Grant Contract was signed today at the Embassy of Japan between H.E. Mr. KUROKI Masafumi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the

Kingdom of Cambodia, and Mr. TANIGAWA Yasuyuki, Resident Representative of JMAS to implement “The Project for Improving Mine Clearance in Battambang Province”.

This project is to deploy a demining machinery and a Brush Cutter, to operate 2 demining teams, and to provide the technical support of JMAS advisors, at Chea Montrei, Svay So, Phchev, Chi Sang village in Ratanak Mondul District, Battambang Province. It is estimated that the project will benefit about 5,500 villagers by alleviating the threat of mines and leading to community development in the areas once mines are cleared. In addition, as part of technical transfer, JMAS is planning to utilize “an operational handbook” compiled by JMAS and CMAC at the previous project, which CMAC commanders can use in the fields in order to operate the activity safer and more efficiently.



The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects started in Cambodia in 2002 to support activities by Japanese NGOs to help Cambodia's reconstruction and development efforts at the grassroots level. Since 2002, the Government of Japan

has provided over US\$15.5 million for 66 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, and mine clearance. The project by JMAS is the second one funded by this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2012 (April 2012 - March 2013).



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