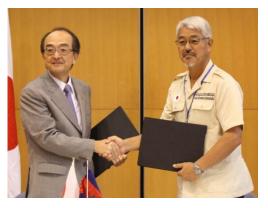
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JAPAN PROVIDES US\$687,266 FOR IMPROVING ERW (Explosive Remnants of War) CLEARANCE IN NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCES (2013)

Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance* for Japanese NGO's Projects, the Government of Japan provides ¥ 56,355,812 (approximately US\$687,266) to Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS). The Grant Contract was signed today at the Embassy of Japan between H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Mr. TAKAKURA Fumitoshi, Resident Representative of JMAS to implement the project.



Through this project, JMAS will provide its technical assistance to Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) in order to promote the disposal activities of ERWs (Explosive Remnants of Wars) in Cambodia. In addition, JMAS will deploy 6 EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) teams in collaboration with CMAC in Siem Reap, Kampong Thom,



Pursat and Kampong Chhnang Provinces, where people are still suffering from the remaining ERWs. JMAS will also deploy Community-Based UXO Risk Reduction (CBURR) teams to collect ERWs information and to implement awareness activity for local people in order to help them recognize the risk of ERW and avoid careless ERW accidents. 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\$19.3 million for 73 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The project is the third one funded by this grant scheme in the Japanese fiscal year 2013 (April 2013 - March 2014).



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