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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$188,963 FOR PROMOTING
COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS IN RURAL CAMBODIA**

Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects*, the Government of Japan provides ¥ 15,494,966 (approximately US\$188,963) to Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA). 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 Ms. YAMAMOTO Eri, Country Representative of SVA to implement “The Project for Promoting Community Learning Centers in Rural Cambodia”.



People at Ni Pech commune



People at Rong Ko commune

In this project, SVA will construct two community learning centers equipped with furniture at Ni Pich commune of Kampong Thom province and Rong Ko commune of Siem Reap province. With this project, more than 9,000 people at two rural communes will be able to learn how to read and write in order to improve their life skill. In addition, SVA is planning to provide a capacity-building program to the management teams and the staffs of the community learning centers for effective learning.

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\$19.5 million for 74 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The project is the fourth one funded by this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2013 (April 2013 - March 2014).



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