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JAPAN PROVIDES US\$213,962
FOR THE IMPROVING DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN BATTAMBANG
AND CONSTRUCTING RIVER WHARF IN PREAH VIHEAR PROVINCE



Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ("KUSANONE" Grant)*, the Government of Japan provides US\$213,962 to Battambang Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport and Kampong Sralau Muoi Commune Council, Chhaep District, Preah Vihear Province. The Grant Contracts were signed today between Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and representatives of the recipient organizations, which would carry out the following projects:

1-The Project for Improving Drainage System of National Road No.5 in Battambang Province (US\$106,417)

Recipient: Battambang Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport

The first project is to construct 1,070 m of drainpipes with 40 manholes along National Road No.5 near Preah Noreay statue, Battambang provincial capital. This project is expected to improve flood management, and safety and sanitary environment for nearly 18,000 people in the region.



2-The Project for Constructing Kampong Sralau Muoi River Wharf in Preah Vihear Province (US\$107,545)

Recipient: Kampong Sralau Muoi Commune Council, Chhaep District, Preah Vihear Province



The second project is to construct a new landing facility and mobile pontoon over the Mekong River which is vital for the daily life of the local people in the area along the border with Laos. This project is expected to benefit a wide range of local residents crossing the river in 8 villages, which population is over 5,000. It is also expected that the new wharf will contribute to revitalizing the local economy through the promotion of trade with Laos.

With the technical support from Ministry of Public Works and Transport, both facilities will be maintained 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\$50.5 millions for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 505 projects throughout the country.



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