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PRESS RELEASE

The Project for the Improvement of the Equipment for the Restoration of the Western Causeway of Angkor Wat

In response to a request from the Royal Government of Cambodia and with a view to strengthening friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries, the Government of Japan has decided to extend its ODA Grant Aid of up to **ninety-four million and seven hundred thousand Japanese yen (¥94,700,000)**, equivalent to approximately **nine hundred forty-seven thousand US dollars (USD947,000)**, to the Royal Government of Cambodia for the purpose of contributing to the implementation of the **The Project for the Improvement of the Equipment for the Restoration of the Western Causeway of Angkor Wat**.

Notes to this effect were exchanged between **H.E. Mr. LONG Visalo**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and **H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, on 15 December 2013 at Prime Minister's Office, with the presence of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, who was on his official bilateral visit to Japan to attend the ASEAN-JAPAN commemorative Summit, and H. E. Mr. Shinzo ABE, Prime Minister of Japan.

This project is to provide necessary equipment such as various types of cranes, tool set for stone material, diesel generator, consumables and spare parts to APSARA Authority, the Cambodian authority for protection and management of Angkor and the region of Siem Reap, for the purpose of restoring the Western Causeway, which connects to the main entrance of Angkor Wat. As a result of this project, it is anticipated that the safety of tourists visiting Angkor Wat will be enhanced and the value of Angkor Wat as a tourist resource will be further increased.