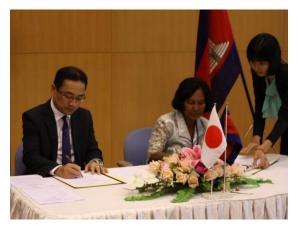
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JAPAN PROVIDES US\$29,807 FOR CONSTRUCTING KAMPONG HARV RIVER WHARF IN KAMPONG CHHNANG PROVINCE



Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ("KUSANONE" Grant), the Government of Japan provides a total of US\$ 29,807 to Kampong Harv Commune Council, Kampong Leng District, Kampong Chhnang Province for the Project of Constructing Kampong Harv River Wharf in Kampong Chhnang Province. The Grant Contract was signed

today between Mr. HIGUCHI Yoshihiro, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Ms. MEAS Chanthon, Chief of Kampong Harv Commune council, at the Embassy of Japan.

In Kampong Leng District, three ferry crossing sites are currently used depending on the seasonally fluctuating water level of the Tonle Sap River. With this grant, the ground of one of the crossing site which is too low to efficiently use will be raised and a mobile pontoon which is 10m long and 6m wide will be also constructed. It is expected that new wharf enables about 40,887 people of 9 communes in the



region to across Tonle Sap River safely. Accordingly, it will facilitate the access of local residents to Provincial hospital and promote economic activities, revitalizing the area around the facility.

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\$48.4 million for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 482projects throughout the country.



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