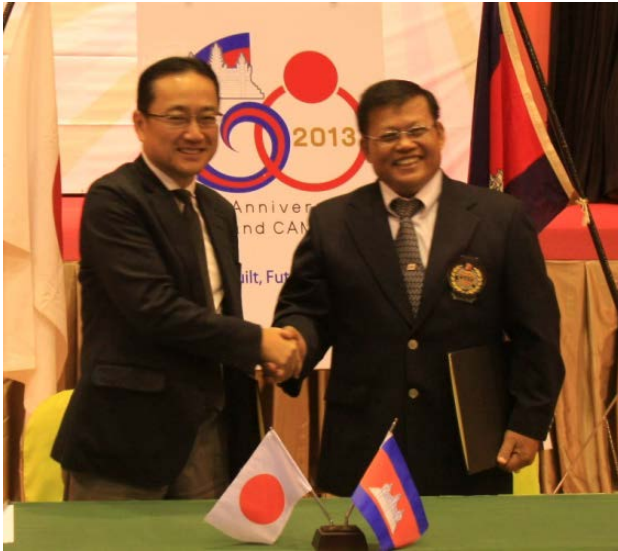


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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$120,780 FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF GYMNASIUM FOR JAPANESE MARTIAL ARTS**



Mr. HIGUCHI Yoshihiro and Mr. LACH Chan Sovan

Under the framework of Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects, the Government of Japan provides US\$120,780 to Cambodia Karate-Do Federation. The Grant Contract signed today between Mr. HIGUCHI Yoshihiro, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim of the Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Mr. LACH Chan Sovan, President of Cambodia Karate-Do Federation, at Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC).

In order to promote Japanese martial arts in Cambodia, Cambodia Karate-Do Federation will implement a project for constructing a two-story gymnasium in Phnom Penh. As a part of the project, materials and equipment necessary for organizing official matches will also be installed. It is expected that more than 400 Karate players will be able to practice exercises and play matches at the training hall of the new gymnasium. In addition, this project will contribute to boosting the number of practioners of Japanese martial arts in Cambodia, thus promoting the understanding of Japanese culture among Cambodian people.



Mr. HIGUCHI Yoshihiro’s speech

Japan’s Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects aims to directly support the implementation of cultural, sports and higher educational projects and the preservation of cultural heritage projects conducted by non-profit organizations that are active at the grass-roots level in developing countries.



Commemorative photo



Karate demonstration after the signing ceremony

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