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JAPAN PROVIDES A TOTAL OF US\$415,339 FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FOUR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects* ("KUSANONE" Grant), the Government of Japan provides US\$415,339 to 4 recipient organizations. The Grant Contract was 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 Constructing Cassava Propagation and Distribution Centre in Battambang Province (US\$118,996)

Recipient: University of Battambang (UBB)

This project is to install two auto clones of 50 and 150 liters, one clean bench and to construct two screen houses with the capacity of 300m² and 600m² at the UBB Farm in order to breed virus-free cassava.



The plan of Cassava Center

This project will enable about 1,150 farmers in the rural communities to improve the productivity of cassava cultivation, which will thus contribute to increasing their incomes. The UBB is also planning to hold workshops to distribute virus-free cassava to local farmers and the Battambang provincial department of agriculture.

2- The Project for Rural Development of Sambo District,

Kratie Province (US\$91,121)

Recipient: Cambodian Rural Development Team (CRDT)



Agricultural trainings will be provided to local farmers

This project is to (i) construct small-scale water treatment facility and to install 3,000m of water distribution pipes at Koh Pdao village, and (ii) construct an agricultural water distribution facility, two water tanks (5,000 liters each) and 1,200m of canals at Sampin village, Kampong Cham Commune, Sambo District, Kratie Province. In addition, agricultural trainings will be also provided to local farmers living in 7 nearby villages

of Kampong Cham Commune. With this project, over 2,000 local farmers and residents will enjoy safe water as well as agricultural water from Mekong River, thus improving their agricultural productivity. This project will also enable the people living at the conservation areas of Irrawaddy Dolphin not to live on the gill net fishing which might hurt Irrawaddy Dolphin, but to make a living by agriculture.

3- The Project for Improving Drainage System in O'tavao area, Pailin Province(US\$99,800)

Recipient: Pailin Provincial Department of Rural Development

This project is to construct 14 culverts and 3 vented causeways along an agricultural road at O'tavao area, Pailin Province. This road connects to the National road No.57 leading to the blue mountain water resort to which about 60, 000 people are visiting every year. By the implementation of this project, over 3,000



Farm road in O'tavao area

people living in 5 nearby villages will benefit from easier access to commune office, provincial hospital, and primary school. It is also expected that project will contribute to revitalizing the local economy through the promotion of trade.

4- The Project for Improving Capital Drainage System in Preah Vihear Province(US\$105,422)

Recipient: Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport



Existing drainage system

This project is to rehabilitate 900m of drainpipes with 36 manholes in Kampong Bronak Commune, Preah Vihear provincial capital. With this project, over 10,000 people will benefit from safety and sanitary environment and an easier access to the important facilities such as provincial hospital, provincial hall, market and so on which exist along these drainpipes.

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 promoting the human security of the vulnerable individuals, i.e. protecting them from such factors as poverty and misfortunes that directly threaten their lives, livelihood, and dignity, as well as at enhancing self-reliance of local communities. Since 1991, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$49.5 millions for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 495 projects throughout Cambodia.



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