

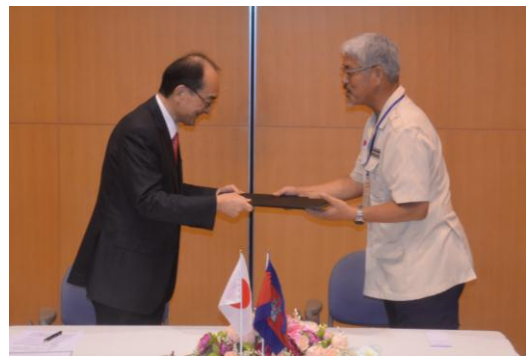
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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$791,720 FOR IMPROVING
MINE CLEARANCE IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE<2013>**

Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects*, the Government of Japan provides ¥ 64,921,040 (approximately US\$791,720) to Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS). The Grant Contract was signed today at the Embassy of Japan between H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Mr. TAKAKURA Fumitoshi, Resident Representative of JMAS to implement “The Project for Improving Mine Clearance in Battambang Province<2013>”.



This project is to provide resources to operate 2 demining teams as well as the technical support of JMAS advisors, at, Phchev, Reaksmei Sangha, Svay So, Ta Krok village in Ratanak Mondul District, Battambang Province. The project is estimated to benefit about 6,700 villagers by alleviating the threat of mines and leading community development in the areas once mines are cleared. In addition, as part of technical transfer, JMAS is planning to utilize “an operational handbook” compiled by JMAS and CMAC at the previous project, which CMAC commanders will use in the fields in order to operate the activity safer and more efficiently.

The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects started in Cambodia in 2002 to support activities by Japanese NGOs to help Cambodia's reconstruction and development efforts at the grassroots level. Since 2002, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$18.6 million for 72 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The project is the second one funded by this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2013 (April 2013 - March 2014).



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