



Press Release

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Japan's Assistance for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

On 24 November 2015, the Government of Japan disbursed an amount of **US\$1,221,818 (One million two hundred twenty-one thousand eight hundred and eighteen US dollars)** as its 2015 Fiscal Year contribution to the United Nations component of the ECCC budget.

The Government of Japan decided to make this contribution to continue to support the judicial process of the Khmer Rouge tribunal at an important juncture when the ECCC has faced a serious budget crunch, whilst noting recent progress such as the appeal hearing of Case 002/01 conducted in the Supreme Court Chamber and the ongoing evidentiary hearing related to charges including genocide and forced marriage in Case 002/02. Japan considers that it is important for the ECCC to proceed with the trial in a fair, efficient, and expeditious manner, given the advanced age and frail health of the persons charged and in order to achieve the long overdue justice for the people of Cambodia.

The Government of Japan attaches importance to the Khmer Rouge Tribunal from three points of view. Firstly, the Khmer Rouge trials are the completing stage of the Cambodian peace process in order to prevent the recurrence of atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge regime. Secondly, the Tribunal will help deliver justice to the victims of the Khmer Rouge and, therefore, contribute to national reconciliation. Thirdly, the Tribunal will contribute to strengthening of the rule of law in Cambodia.

The Government of Japan has been assisting the ECCC since its inception and, as of 27 November 2015, the financial assistance from Japan amounts to US\$83.95 million, approximately 33% of the total amount of the international contribution. Moreover Japan, along with France, has actively followed the proceedings of the ECCC as co-chair of the Friends of the ECCC.

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