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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$766,039 FOR
FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY AND CAPACITY BUILDING ON
EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR CLEARANCE**

Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects*, the Government of Japan provides ¥ 25,048,870 (approximately US\$227,717) to Foundation for International Development Relief (FIDR) and ¥ 59,215,420 (approximately US\$538,322) to Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS). The Grant Contract has been 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 Ms. TAKAHASHI Akemi, Country Representative of FIDR to implement “The Project for Food and Nutrition Security in Kampong Chhnang Province, Phase III” and Mr. SAKO Nagatoshi, resident representative of JMAS to implement “Capacity Building Project on Explosive Remnants of War Clearance for CMAC, Phase II” respectively.

1- The Project for Food and Nutrition Security in Kampong Chhnang Province, Phase III

This project is to improve the productivity of rice farming, to diversify farms, to improve children's nutrition status and to establish farmer networks in 39 villages of Rolea Pheir District and Boribo District in Kampong Chhnang. In addition, the project is expected to contribute to supporting the establishment and management of agricultural cooperatives.

2- Capacity Building Project on Explosive Remnants of War Clearance for CMAC, Phase II

This project is to improve the capacity of teaching staff and team members of the CMAC, especially in field management and safety techniques by technical support of JMAS advisors at CMAC Training Center in Kampong Chhnang. Through the project, about 240,000 people are expected to benefit by alleviating the threat of Explosive Remnants of War (ERW), and the project is to lead to community development in the areas.

The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects started in Cambodia in 2002 to support the activities of Japanese NGOs to help Cambodia's reconstruction and development efforts at the grassroots level. Since 2002, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$25 million for 91 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The two projects for which the contracts have been signed today are the third and fourth one respectively funded by this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2015 (April 2015 - March 2016).

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