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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$263,655 FOR REHABILITATING CANAL IRRIGATION SYSTEM IN
BATTAMBANG PROVINCE AND SVAY RIENG PROVINCE AND CONSTRUCTING
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE CENTERS IN PREAH VIHEAR PROVINCE**

Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects* ("KUSANONE" Grant), the Government of Japan provides US\$263,655 to Battambang Provincial Department of Water Resources Meteorology, Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Agriculture and Svay Rieng Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology. The Grant Contracts were signed today between H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and representatives of the recipient organizations, which would carry out the following projects:

1- The Project for Rehabilitation of Yo Thea Canal Irrigation System in Battambang Province (US\$ 89,392)

Recipient: Battambang Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology

The first project, which amounts to USD 89,392, is intended to expand irrigated areas in Thma Kol District, Battambang Province. Project components include rehabilitation of 1,400m canal, and construction of intake structure and check structure. About 700 people are expected to gain constant access to irrigation water after completion of the project.

2- The Project for Constructing Agricultural Cooperative Centers in Preah Vihear Province (US\$ 84,662)

Recipient: Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Agriculture

The second project, which amounts to USD 84,662, assists the Provincial Department of Agriculture for constructing agricultural cooperative centers in Preah Vihear. In this project, 3 agricultural cooperative centers will be built for 3 respective agricultural cooperatives', and agricultural machines such as tractors, rice mills, a soybean mill, a rice bed dryer will be provided. About 880 people is expected to benefit from agricultural cooperatives.

3- The Project for Rehabilitation of Tumnub Lok Canal Irrigation System in Svay Rieng Province (US\$ 89,601)

Recipient: Svay Rieng Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology

The third project, which amounts to USD 89,601, is intended to expand irrigated areas in Kampong Ro District, Svay Rieng Province. Project components include rehabilitation of 1,420 m canal and cross regulator. About 1,670 people are expected to gain constant access to irrigation water after completion of the project.

Japan's "KUSANONE" Projects started in Cambodia in 1991 in order to support Cambodia's reconstruction and development efforts at the grassroots level. The assistance is aimed at protecting vulnerable individuals from such factors as poverty and misfortunes that directly threaten their lives, livelihood, and dignity, as well as at promoting self-reliance of local communities. Since 1991, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$54 million for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 547 KUSANONE projects.

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