

PRESS RELEASE Exchange of Notes for Japan's Grant Aid

<u>Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.</u> at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

In response to a request from the Royal Government of Cambodia and with a view to promoting the socio-economic development of the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Government of Japan has decided to extend a Grant Aid of up to **three hundred and thirty-two million yen** (¥332,000,000), equivalent to approximately **two million nine hundred and ninety thousand** US dollars (USD2,990,000), to the Royal Government of Cambodia for the purpose of contributing to the implementation of the "Japanese Development Scholarship Project" (JDS) (17th Batch).

Notes to these effects were exchanged between **H.E. Mr. PRAK Sokhonn**, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and **H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, on June 8, 2016 at 10:00 am at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

Japan continuously provides this scholarship grant since the year 2000. Since then, a total of 344 Cambodian Fellows students have participated in this programme and studied in Japan. With this new grant, the 17th batch, 24 new Fellows will study in Japan for two years, and contribute further to development of Cambodia.

This scholarship is awarded mainly to the young and eligible government officials who are expected to contribute to development of Cambodia. The Government of Japan strongly hopes the Fellows of the past and the future will contribute to the development of Cambodia and become a bridge between our two countries.