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JAPAN PROVIDES US\$256,317 FOR PROMOTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN CAMBODIA

Under the framework of the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects, the Government of Japan provides US\$256,317 to the Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AARJapan). 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. SONODA Tomoko, Country Director of AAR Japan to implement "The Project for Promotion of Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities in Kandal Province (2nd Phase)".

AAR Japan will promote inclusive education by creating barrier-free school environment and conducting teacher training for children with disabilities in Khsach Kandal Districtof Kandal Province. In this project, more than 3,300 students, teachers and people from the communities will be able to gain knowledge about disability and the enrollment rate of children with disabilities is expected to improve.

The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO 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\$26.1million for 94projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The project is the first one funded by this grant scheme in Cambodia in the Japanese fiscal year 2016(April 2016-March 2017).