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## Press Release

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### **Japan Provides US\$833,332 for Capacity Building Project on Demining for CMAC (Phase III)**

Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects*, the Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$833,332 to Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS). The Grant Contract was 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 Mr. SHIBATA Mikio, Resident Representative of JMAS, to implement “Capacity Building Project on Demining for CMAC (Phase III)”.

In this project, JMAS continues to train CMAC demining platoons by implementing a curriculum called “Integrated Demining Course”, which was established in the first year of the project, and aims to transfer efficient demining skills combining manpower and machines to CMAC. This curriculum includes practical training to clear 260 hectares of minefield in Chaeng Mean Chey Commune, Banan District, Battambang Province. This project is expected to benefit about 1,700 people by alleviating the threat of landmines and facilitating to community development in the area.

*The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO 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\$26.2 million for 95 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The project for which the contracts have been signed today is the third one funded by this grant scheme in Cambodia in the Japanese fiscal year 2016 (April 2016 - March 2017).

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