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**JAPAN PROVIDES US\$160,800  
FOR STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES  
AND IMPROVING THE ACCESS TO SAFE WATER**

Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects* ("KUSANONE" Grant), the Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$160,800 in total for 2 recipient organizations. The Grant Contracts have been signed today between H.E. Mr. HORINOUCI Hidehisa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and the representatives of the recipients respectively, to carry out the following projects:

1- 'The Project for Strengthening Agricultural Cooperatives in Tbaeng Meanchey District and Kulean District, Preah Vihear Province' (US\$82,960)

Recipient: Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

In this project, two rice harvesters will be provided and two agricultural cooperative centers will be built for two agricultural cooperatives. This project is expected to benefit nearly 460 farmers in the region by improving the quality of their organic rice.

2- 'The Project for Constructing Water Treatment Kiosks in Six Communes in Takeo Province' (US\$77,840)

Recipient: Teuk Saat 1001

In this project, six water treatment kiosks and their equipment will be provided in 6 communes in Takeo Province: Kampong Reab, Ponley, Srangae, Srae Ronoung, Trapeang Thum Khang Tboung, and Ou Saray communes. This project is expected to benefit nearly 1,900 households in the region by ensuring equal access to safe water and reducing the ratio of water-borne diseases.

Japan's "KUSANONE" Projects started in Cambodia in 1991 in order to support Cambodia's reconstruction and development at the grassroots level. The assistance aims to protect vulnerable people from various factors such as poverty and misfortunes that directly threaten their lives, livelihood, and dignity, as well as to promote self-reliance of local communities. Since 1991, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$56 million for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 567 KUSANONE projects throughout Cambodia.

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