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**2017 Spring Conferment of Decoration  
Mr. Koji Kanzaki**

On 29<sup>th</sup> April, the Cabinet Office, the Government of Japan, announced the recipients of the 2017 Spring Conferment of Decorations, which are bestowed upon individuals of merit in recognition of their national or public services, and in honour of their distinguished accomplishments in various areas in society. Mr. Koji Kanzaki is one of the 4,080 recipients and he received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays for his contribution to promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Cambodia.

- Decoration: The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays
- Contributions: Promotion of mutual understanding between Japan and Cambodia
- Name: Mr. Koji Kanzaki
- Major titles:
  - Former Chairman of Japanese Association for Promotion of Education and Culture Business in Cambodia
  - Founder of Basic Study Student Assistance Community (BASSAC)

Mr. Kanzaki has been active both in Japanese and Cambodian society for many years. While he contributed to reconstruction and development of infrastructure in Cambodia, he has also worked to improve education, culture and environment in Cambodia, including by planting trees; by providing scholarships to children who could not go to school because of their families' economic conditions; and by helping to build schools through activities of Lions Clubs.

An awarding ceremony will be organized in due courses.