

【Outline of Japanese Assistance to the Electoral Reforms】

(1) During the bilateral summit meeting in November 2013, Prime Minister Samdech HUN SEN made a request to Prime Minister ABE Shinzo for support for electoral reform. Responding to that request at the summit meeting in December 2013, Prime Minister ABE announced the dispatch of the JICA survey team to study the situation and identify what was needed to support electoral reform.

(2) Based on the studies conducted by JICA in 2014, the following three areas were identified as requiring Japanese assistance:

- a. Voter registration - the prevention of multiple registrations and misregistration.
- b. Ballot counting and result calculation by the National Election Committee (NEC) – the prevention of multiple voting, miscalculation and the provision of information in a timely manner.
- c. Voter education - the delivery of an awareness campaign, for example the inclusion of information about voting in school education, etc.

(3) In May 2015, the Government of Cambodia formally requested assistance from JICA experts. In response to the request, during the summit meeting in July 2015, Prime Minister ABE announced that Japan would provide electoral reform assistance through the provision of (1) technical advice to NEC, (2) the dispatching of JICA experts, (3) equipment.

(4) Japan is therefore providing the following electoral reform assistance:

a. Technical advice to NEC:

- consultation on the draft regulations for voter registration
- consultation on the draft regulations for voting and ballot counting
- on the implementation and management of the election.

b. Dispatching JICA experts to support:

- the provision of technical advice on electoral reform
- the delivery of an awareness campaign and other promotional activities
- the planning and use of an ICT system to manage voter registration.

c. The provision of equipment, including:

- a computer server and related equipment (an appropriate uninterruptible power supply (UPS), backup system, firewall etc.) to store voter registration data.