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**Japan's Assistance for  
the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)**

On 31 July 2017, the Government of Japan disbursed an amount of **US\$1,221,818 (One million two hundred and twenty-one thousand eight hundred and eighteen US dollars)** as its 2017 Fiscal Year contribution to the United Nations component of the ECCC budget.

The Government of Japan decided to make this contribution to continue to support the judicial process of the Khmer Rouge tribunal. Japan notes the recent progress of the ECCC such as the closing statements of Case 002/02 conducted in the Trial Chamber and the closing order issued by the Co-Investigating Judges in Case 004/01 whilst encouraging the ECCC to proceed with the remaining cases in a fair, efficient, and expeditious manner, given the advanced age and frail health of the persons charged and in order to achieve the long overdue justice for the people of Cambodia.

The Government of Japan attaches importance to the Khmer Rouge Tribunal from three points of view. Firstly, the Khmer Rouge trials are the completing stage of the Cambodian peace process in order to prevent the recurrence of atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge regime. Secondly, the Tribunal will help deliver justice to the victims of the Khmer Rouge and, therefore, contribute to national reconciliation. Thirdly, the Tribunal will contribute to strengthening the rule of law in Cambodia.

The Government of Japan has been assisting the ECCC since its inception and, as of today, the financial assistance from Japan amounts to US\$86.34 million including the aforementioned disbursement, approximately 31% of the total funds contributed by donors to the national and UN components of the ECCC. Moreover Japan, along with France, has actively followed the proceedings of the ECCC as co-chair of the Friends of the ECCC.