

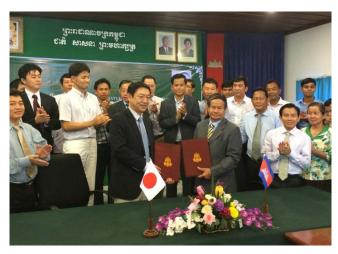
## **Press Release**

## **MARDeC Technical Cooperation Project Agreement Signing Ceremony**

-Capacity Development for MARDeC -

On 6<sup>th</sup> June in Fisheries Administration, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), an agreement was signed by H.E Nao Thuok, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia and Mr. Adachi Itsu, Chief Representative of JICA Cambodia Office for implementation of the "Project for Improvement of Marine Aquaculture Seed Production Techniques".

The Project mainly focuses on the capacity development of marine fish seed production in the Marine Aquaculture Research and Development Center (MARDeC) in Sihanoukville province.



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Aiming at developing and disseminating marine fish seed production and aquaculture techniques, MARDeC was constructed by the Japan's Grant Aid in 2012. Since then, MARDeC has established the seed production of seabass (Lates calcarifer) and fish diseases prevention system.

In order to maximize the capacity of MARDeC, the Project will strengthen the capacity of operation and management, the system of fish diseases prevention, and the techniques of seabass seed production, such as broodstock management, live feed production and larval rearing.

It is expected that the Project will enable MARDeC to provide high quality products of marine fish seed continuously, but also to play the significant role as a research and development center in the field of marine aquaculture in Cambodia.

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