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JAPAN PROVIDES US\$279,038 TO PROMOTE INCLUSIVE EDUCATION IN CAMBODIA

Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects*, the Government of Japan provides the Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan) with US\$279,038. The Grant Contract has been signed today at the Embassy of Japan between H.E. Mr. HORINOUCHI Hidehisa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Ms. SONODA Tomoko, Country Director of AAR Japan to implement "The Project for Promotion of Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities in Kandal Province (3rd Phase)".

AAR Japan will promote inclusive education by creating barrier-free school environment and conducting teacher training for children with disabilities in Khsach Kandal District of Kandal Province. In this project, approximately 2,300 people from the communities will be able to gain knowledge about disability and the enrollment rate of children with disabilities is expected to improve.

The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects started in Cambodia in 2002 to support activities by Japanese NGOs to help Cambodia's reconstruction and development efforts at the grassroots level. Since 2002, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$28.7 million for 100 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. This project is the first one funded by this grant scheme in Cambodia in the Japanese fiscal year 2017 (April 2017 - March 2018).

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