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Japan Provides US\$1,561,805 for
Construction of Bridges for Rural Development,
Promotion of Sustainable Agricultural Conditions for Poverty Reduction,
and Promotion of Community Development through Mine Clearance

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$242,367 to Monduliri Provincial Department of Rural Development for “The Project for Constructing Bridges in two Communes in Kaoh Nheaek District, Monduliri Province” under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (“KUSANONE” Grant)*, US\$558,236 to Institute of Environmental Rehabilitation and Conservation (ERECON) for the “Project on Promoting Sustainable Agricultural Conditions for Poverty Reduction in Kampong Cham Province” and US\$761,202 to Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS) for the project of “Promotion of Community Development with Demining in Banteay Meanchey” under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects*. The Grant Contracts were signed today at the Embassy of Japan between H.E. Mr. HORINOUCI Hidehisa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Mr. YORN Sarom, Director of Monduliri PDRD, Dr. MIHARA Machito, President of ERECON, and Mr. SHIBATA Mikio, Resident Representative of JMAS.

In “The Project for Constructing Bridges in two Communes in Kaoh Nheaek District, Monduliri Province”, Monduliri PDRD will build two concrete bridges, 24m-long and 18m-long, over rivers on the rural road in Kaoh Nheaek District, Monduliri Province where small boats are the only means of transportation to cross the rivers for the villagers in the rain season. This project is expected to provide easier and safer access for about 6,000 villagers to go to schools, hospitals and market, and also to encourage their economic activities.

In the “Project on Promoting Sustainable Agricultural Conditions for Poverty Reduction in Kampong Cham Province”, ERECON will establish a sustainable agricultural production condition by soil improvement with eco-friendly methods in cooperation with multiple parties including agricultural offices at province and district levels, research institutes at universities, and local farmers. Through the promotion of the sustainable model of agriculture, the project is expected to improve productivity and quality of agriproducts, to reduce poverty among farmers, and to supply the safe and secure food to consumer market.

In the project of “Promotion of Community Development with Demining in Banteay Meanchey”, JMAS will transfer the integrated method of mine clearance to Cambodia Mine Action Center (CMAC) through the on-the-job training in the heavily landmine contaminated area in Malai District, Banteay Meanchey Province, aiming at enabling CMAC to utilize higher skills of mine clearance and operate independently in remained challenging mine fields. JMAS will also help CMAC provide Mine Risk Education for the villagers in the project area to protect them from the accidents of mines.

Japan’s “KUSANONE” Projects started in Cambodia in 1991 in order to support Cambodia’s reconstruction and development at the grassroots level. The assistance aims to protect those who are vulnerable due to various factors such as poverty and misfortunes that directly threaten their lives, livelihood, and dignity, as well as to promote self-reliance of local communities. Since 1991, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$56.7 million for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 572 KUSANONE projects throughout Cambodia. The project of Mondulkiri PDRD is the first one funded by this grant scheme in Cambodia in the Japan’s fiscal year 2017 (April 2017 –March 2018).

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\$30.2 million for 103 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance. The projects of ERECON and JAMS are the third and fourth ones respectively funded by this grant scheme in Cambodia in the Japan’s fiscal year 2017 (April 2017 - March 2018).

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