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Japan Provides US\$342,663 for Improvement of Educational Environment for Disabled Children and Construction of Hospital Buildings

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$342,663 in total for 4 recipient organisations under the framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ("KUS.ANONE" Grant)*. The Grant Contracts have been signed today between H.E. Mr. HORINOUCHI Hidehisa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and the representatives of the 4 recipients respectively, to carry out the following projects:

1. 'The Project for Constructing Marist Solidarity Cambodia Community Village in Kandal Province'
(US\$72,179)

Recipient: Marist Solidarity Cambodia

In this project, a new 3-room lecture building and a connecting passage (225m) will be constructed at Marist Solidarity Cambodia Community Village in Kandal Province where the organisation supports children and youth with disabilities. This project will provide about 80 students annually with better educational opportunity and environment and enable the staff, teachers, and students to have easier and safer access between the facilities.

2. 'The Project for Constructing Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Ward at Bati Referral Hospital in Takeo Province' (US\$90,712)

Recipient: Bati Operational District in Takeo Province

In this project, a new internal medicine and pediatrics ward will be constructed at Bati Referral Hospital in Takeo Province where the two departments are chronically overcrowded with inpatients. It is estimated that annually about 2,100 internal medicine patients and 550 pediatrics patients will be able to receive inpatient treatment in better medical environment.

3. 'The Project for Constructing General Ward at Kaoh Nheak Referral Hospital in Mondulakiri Province' (US\$89,700)

Recipient: Mondulakiri Provincial Department of Health

In this project, a new general ward will be constructed at Kaoh Nheak Referral Hospital in Mondulakiri Province which currently has only two main buildings. This project will improve the medical environment and enhance the capacity of multiple departments of the hospital. It is estimated that approximately 18,000 people will be able to have access to better healthcare.

4. 'The Project for Constructing Emergency Ward at Baray-Santuk Referral Hospital in Kampong Thom Province' (US\$90,072)

Recipient: Kampong Thom Provincial Department of Health

In this project, a new emergency ward will be constructed at Baray-Santuk Referral Hospital in Kampong Thom Province. This project will significantly improve the medical environment of the emergency department which currently has only two small rooms for treatment. It is estimated that annually 1,100 patients will be able to receive intensive care and emergency treatment in appropriate medical environment.

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\$57 million for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 586 *KUSANONE* projects throughout Cambodia.

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