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<u>Japan Provides US\$310,777</u> for Promoting Inclusive Education in Kandal Province

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$310,777 to AAR Japan under the framework, the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects. The Grant Contract has been signed today between H.E. Mr. HORINOUCHI Hidehisa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Ms. MUKAI Satomi, Acting Country Director of AAR Japan, to carry out 'Project for Promotion of Inclusive Education (IE) for Children with Disabilities by Enhancing the Practices in Model Area and Developing IE Evaluation System'.

In this project, AAR Japan will create an evaluation tool of Inclusive Education practice, and carry out the activities to support capacity building of the 'Commune Committee for Persons with Disabilities'. Through this project, learning environment and quality of education for children with disabilities will be improved.

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\$36 million for 118 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance in Cambodia.

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