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Japan Provides US\$439,261
for Supporting farmers through contract farming of organic cashew nuts
through Agriculture Cooperative

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$439,261 to IVY under the framework, *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects*. The Grant Contract has signed today between H.E. Mr. MIKAMI Masahiro, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and Ms. SUZUSHIMA Chihoko, the Assistant Project Manager of IVY to carry out the project for “Support to the smallholder farmers through contract farming of organic cashew nuts through Agriculture Cooperatives (Year 2)”.

In these days, the organic agricultural products become more and more popular in the market and these products are sold at higher price. In this project, IVY will support local farmers and local Agriculture Cooperatives (AC) in Preah Vihea so that farmers can produce and sell more value-added organic cashew nuts and get more incomes to escape from the poverty.

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\$37 million for 122 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance in Cambodia.

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