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Japan Provides US\$363,224 for, Road Improvement, Construction of Health Facility and Water Treatment Kiosks

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$363,224 in total for three recipient organisations under the framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (“KUSANONE” Grant)*. The Grant Contracts were signed today between H.E. Mr. MIKAMI Masahiro, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and the representatives of the three recipients respectively, to carry out the following projects.

**1. ‘The Project for Road Improvement in Ou Tavao Commune, Pailin City, Pailin Province’
(US\$181,560)**

Recipient: Pailin Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport

In this project, an existing 6,300m long road will be improved and paved as laterite road with box culverts and pipe culverts in Ou Tavao Commune, Pailin City, Pailin Province. This project is expected to benefit nearly 7,000 people in the region. It is also expected that the improved road will provide the local people with an easier and safer road to schools, hospitals, markets and other regions and promote transportation of agricultural products.

**2. ‘The Project for Constructing IPD Ward at Tuek Khleang Health Center in Kandal Province’
(US\$90,850)**

Recipient: Lvea Em Health Operational District in Kandal Province

In this project, an IPD (Inpatients Department) ward will be constructed at Tuek Khleang Health Center in Kandal Province. Currently, at the health center, there is no specific inpatients room and post-delivery room therefore patients are staying in the one open air space altogether. Newly improved medical facilities will contribute to providing qualitative healthcare to around 600 inpatients yearly. In addition, this project is expected to improve post-maternal care with new post-delivery room in the IPD ward.

3. 'The Project for Constructing Water Treatment Kiosks in Seven Communes in Two North-Western Provinces' (US\$90,814)

Recipient: Teuk Saat 1001 (TS1001)

In this project, TS1001, it is a Cambodian NGO, will construct seven water treatment kiosks with necessary equipment in seven communes in Oddar Meanchey and Banteay Meanchey province. TS1001 has been supporting access to safe drinking water in rural communes in Cambodia through installing of the water treatment kiosks. More than 13,000 people will be able to reach safe and clean water by this project and it will contribute to reduction of the water-borne diseases.

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/or 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\$60 million for mainly local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 618 *KUSANONE* projects throughout Cambodia.

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