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<u>Japan Provides US\$890,471</u> <u>for Constructing Irrigation Systems,</u> <u>Maternal and Child Health and WASH,</u> <u>and Capacity Building of Youth</u>

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$890,471 in total for three recipient organizations 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 the representatives of the three recipients respectively, to carry out the following projects:

<u>1. 'Reservoir construction project for agriculture enhancement in Preah Vihear – Eco Village</u> <u>Area' (US\$85,019)</u>

Recipient: Pride of Asia Preah Vihear Association Japan

In this project, Pride of Asia Preah Vihear Association Japan will support the construction of reservoirs and distributing water facilities in Eco Village, Preah Vihear province. Farmers in this area will benefit from increasing agricultural production especially in dry season and learning agricultural technology as well as facility management for sustainable regional development.

2. 'Integrated Health, Nutrition and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Project in Preah Vihear (Year 1)'(US\$452,427)

Recipient: World Vision Japan

In this project, the organization will provide training and health education for health workers and local communities in order to improve maternal and child health environment in 4 districts in Preah Vihear province. The beneficiaries will be able to change their eating habits with knowledge and to have an access to safe water. 3. 'Capacity building of Youth in Pailin, Cambodia: Reinforcement of Community Learning Center (CLC) (Year 1) '(US\$353,025) Recipient: Kokkyo naki Kodomotachi

In this project, the organization will support youth, especially those who are in situations of having unstable jobs, lacking of life skills, and dropping out of schools. Through providing enhanced vocational training contents and conditions of community learning centers to the youth, they will gain education or skills for creating a foundation of better life in the future.

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\$39 million for 125 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance in Cambodia.

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