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Japan Provides US\$ 968,390 For Enhancement of Pediatric Surgical Care System in Kratie Province and Promotion of Inclusive Education in Kandal Province

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$ 968,390 in total for two 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 two recipients respectively, to carry out the following projects:

1. 'Project for Enhancing Medical System to Practice Pediatric Surgery in Kratie Province (Year 2) '(US\$694,539)

Recipient: Foundation for International Development/Relief (FIDR)

In this project, FIDR aims to enhance the pediatric surgical care system in Kratie province through trainings for medical staff of Provincial Referral Hospital, health centers, and health village volunteers in the province. In order to improve quality of their services and create a safe medical facility, the organization will also construct a surgical building for patients, especially for pediatric patients including new-born patients.

2. 'Project for Promotion of Inclusive Education (IE) for Children with Disabilities by Enhancing the Practices in Model Area and Developing IE Evaluation System (Year 2) '(US\$273,851)

Recipient: Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan)

In this project, AAR Japan will create an evaluation tool of Inclusive Education practice, and carry out 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 in the whole of Cambodia 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\$41 million for 130 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance in Cambodia.

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