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**Japan Provides US\$288,473  
for Installing Medical Equipment,  
Braille Equipment,  
and Hearing Diagnostic Equipment**

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$288,473 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 Installing Medical Equipment at Angkor Borey Referral Hospital in Takeo Province’ (US\$87,900)**

**Recipient: Prey Kabas Operational District in Takeo Province**

In this project, one X-ray machine, one ultrasound and one generator will be installed at Angkor Borey Referral Hospital in Takeo Province. Currently, the hospital is not capable of diagnosing their patients sufficiently due to the lack of equipment. Through this project, approximately 1,500 patients will have access to improved medical services annually.

**2. ‘The Project for Installing Braille Equipment at Special Schools in Phnom Penh and 3 Provinces’ (US\$96,726)**

**Recipient: Krousar Thmey Cambodia**

In this project, four braille printers and four audio recording equipment will be installed at Special Schools in Phnom Penh, Kampong Cham, Siem Reap, and Battambang Province. This project is expected to help more than 210 of both students and teachers through the improvement of learning environment.

3. ‘The Project for Installing Hearing Diagnostic Equipment and Strengthening Communication Therapy Services for Children in Phnom Penh and 6 Provinces’ (US\$103,847)  
Recipient: All Ears Cambodia

In this project, medical equipment such as one real ear measurement and speech mapper system, one oto-endoscope system, one tympanometer, two pure tone/speech audiometers, and one middle ear analyzer will be provided for All Ears Cambodia in order to strengthen their capacity of diagnostic and rehabilitation. The organization has been providing their services to hearing-impaired people. Through this project, more than 7,500 patients will benefit from better quality of diagnostic and communication therapy services.

These assistances are based on the commitment of co-chair’s statement of 13th Mekong-Japan foreign minister’s meeting on 9 July, 2020 which says “Implementing approximately 91 million USD worth Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project in FY 2020 as KUSANONE Mekong SDGs initiative, aimed at supporting the social and economic development of local communities and villages across the Mekong region”.

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\$62 million for mainly local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 638 *KUSANONE* projects throughout Cambodia.

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