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Japan Provides US\$ 754,321
For Developing 4-year University of Physical Education Course
And For Supporting Contract Farming of Organic Cashew through Agricultural
Cooperatives

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$754,321 in total for two recipient organizations under the framework, *The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects*. The Grant Contract was 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 on Developing 4-year University of Physical Education Course at National Institute of Physical Education and Sport (Year 2)' (US\$371,479)

Recipient: Non-Profit Organization Hearts of Gold

Hearts of Gold will support National Institute of Physical Education and Sport to develop 4-year university of Physical Education course by improving curriculum, training teachers and installing facilities for physical education.

Through this project, approximately 65 staff and 300 teacher trainees in the institute will be able to gain better learning environment for physical education. Also over 930,000 students in Cambodia are expected to receive more effective physical education.

2. 'Support to the smallholder farmers through contract farming
of organic cashew nuts through Agriculture Cooperation (Year 3)' (US\$382,842)

Recipient: International Volunteers of Yamagata (IVY)

In this project, IVY will promote organic cashew nuts cultivation and cooperative marketing among farmers in Preah Vihear province to increase their income and improve their quality of life. For the final year of this 3 years project, 3 newly added Agricultural Cooperatives (AC)

besides ongoing 10 ACs will aim to obtain an organic certification and to establish a lasting production process control system that enables each AC to become an executing entity of continued cooperative marketing and production process management after the project period.

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\$42 million for 133 projects, mainly in the field of primary education, health, agriculture and mine clearance in Cambodia.

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