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Japan Provides US\$245,215 for Providing Waste Collection Trucks

The Government of Japan has agreed to provide US\$245,215 for a recipient organization under the framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ("KUSANONE" Grant)*. The Grant Contract was signed today between H.E. Mr. MIKAMI Masahiro, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and H.E. Mr. SAY Samal, Minister of Environment, Cambodia, to carry out the following project.

'The Project for Providing Waste Collection Trucks to 10 Provinces in Cambodia' (US\$245,215)

Recipient: Ministry of Environment, Cambodia

In this project, a waste collection truck will be deployed in each of the ten provinces in Cambodia in order to improve waste collection services. The nation has been struggling with ever-increasing garbage with economic development as there is a considerable lack of facility to collect the waste properly. This project will contribute to protecting the public health and the natural environment, which will improve the quality of life for over 530,000 residents in the ten targeted areas.

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\$64 million for mainly local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 650 KUSANONE projects throughout Cambodia.

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រដ្ឋាភិបាលជប៉ុន បានឯកភាពផ្ដល់ថវិកាចំនួន ២៤៥,២១៥ ដុល្លារអាមេរិក ដល់អង្គភាពទទួល ជំនួយមួយ ក្រោមគ្រោងការណ៍ ជំនួយឧបត្ថម្ភឥតសំណងសម្រាប់គម្រោងទ្រង់ទ្រាយតូចសន្ដិសុខ មនុស្សជាតិ (ជំនួយឥតសំណងគូសាណូណិ) ។ កិច្ចសន្យាផ្ដល់ជំនួយ ត្រូវបានចុះហត្ថលេខានៅថ្ងៃនេះ ដោយ ឯកឧត្ដម មិកាមិ ម៉ាសាហ៊ីរ៉ូ ឯកអគ្គរាជទូតវិសាមញ្ញ និងពេញសមត្ថភាពរបស់ប្រទេសជប៉ុនប្រចាំ ព្រះរាជាណាចក្រកម្ពុជា និង ឯកឧត្ដម សាយ សំអាល់ រដ្ឋមន្ត្រីក្រសួងបរិស្ថាន ដើម្បីអនុវត្តគម្រោងខាង ក្រោម៖

គម្រោងផ្តល់រថយន្តប្រមូលសំរាមដល់ខេត្តចំនួនដប់នៅក្នុងប្រទេសកម្ពុជា (ថវិកាចំនួន ២៤៥,២១៥ ដុល្លារអាមេរិក)

<u>អង្គភាពទទួលជំនួយ៖</u> ក្រសួងបរិស្ថាននៃប្រទេសកម្ពុជា

ក្នុងគម្រោងនេះ រថយន្តប្រមូលសំរាមនឹងត្រូវបានដាក់ពង្រាយនៅក្នុងខេត្តចំនួនដប់ ក្នុងប្រទេស កម្ពុជា ដើម្បីធ្វើឱ្យប្រសើរឡើងនូវសេវាប្រមូលសំរាម។ ជាមួយនឹងការអភិវឌ្ឍសេដ្ឋកិច្ច ប្រទេសកម្ពុជា បាននិងកំពុងជួបការលំបាកជាមួយនឹងការកើនឡើងនៃសំរាម ដោយសារតែមានការខ្វះខាតច្រើននូវ បរិក្ខារក្នុងការប្រមូលសំរាមឱ្យបានត្រឹមត្រូវ។ គម្រោងនេះ នឹងរួមចំណែកដល់ការការពារសុខភាព សាធារណៈ និងបរិស្ថានធម្មជាតិ ដែលនឹងលើកកម្ពស់គុណភាពជីវិតរបស់ប្រជាពលរដ្ឋជាង៥៣០,០០០ នាក់ នៅក្នុងខេត្តគោលដៅទាំងដប់។

ជំនួយឥតសំណងគូសាណូណិរបស់ជប៉ុន បានចាប់ផ្ដើមនៅប្រទេសកម្ពុជានៅឆ្នាំ១៩៩១ ដើម្បី គាំទ្រដល់កិច្ចខិតខំប្រឹងប្រែងរបស់កម្ពុជាក្នុងការអភិវឌ្ឍ និងស្ថាបនាប្រទេសឡើងវិញ នៅតាម កម្រិតមូលដ្ឋាន។ ជំនួយឥតសំណងនេះ មានទិសដៅការពារជនងាយរងគ្រោះពីកត្តាមួយចំនួនដូច ជា ភាពក្រីក្រ និង/ឬ ភាពអកុសលនានា ដែលអាចគំរាមកំហែងដោយផ្ទាល់ដល់អាយុជីវិត ជីវភាព រស់នៅ និងសេចក្តីថ្លៃថ្នូររបស់ពួកគេ ក៏ដូចជាជួយជំរុញនូវភាពម្ចាស់ការលើខ្លួនឯងរបស់ប្រជា សហគមន៍។ ចាប់តាំងពីឆ្នាំ១៩៩១ រដ្ឋាភិបាលជប៉ុនបានផ្តល់ថវិកា ជាង៦៤លានដុល្លារអាមេរិកដល់ អាជ្ញាធរមូលដ្ឋាន និងអង្គការក្រៅរដ្ឋាភិបាល ដើម្បីអនុវត្តគម្រោងគូសាណូណិ ចំនួន៦៥០គម្រោង នៅទូទាំងប្រទេសកម្ពុជា៕

ស្ថានទូតជប៉ុនប្រចាំព្រះរាជាណាចក្រកម្ពុជា ទូរសព្ទ័ះ៖ ០២៣-២១៧-១៦១ ទូរសារ៖ ០២៣-២១៤-៣៣០

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Speech by Ambassador MIKAMI Masahiro at the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for the Grassroots Human Security Project

December 17, 2021@ the Ministry of Environment

H.E. Mr. Say Samal, Minister of Environment Excellencies and distinguished officials in the Ministry

Good afternoon, everyone, I am pleased to be attending this grant contract signing ceremony today for a KUSANONE project, the Grassroots Human Security Project.

This is the second time for me to speak here. Last time, I was here for the signing ceremony for the "Combatting Marine Plastic Litter" project. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to H.E. Mr. SAY Samal, Minister of the Environment and his colleagues at the Ministry for organizing this ceremony.

Please allow me to briefly talk about what KUSANONE program is. Since 1991, in addition to large scale loan and grant projects, the Government of Japan has been implementing KUSANONE projects in Cambodia in order to directly help local people. KUSANONE literally means "grassroots" in Japanese. Over the last 30 years, the Japanese Embassy in Cambodia has contributed about 650 projects through KUSANONE Grants. I am pleased that these projects have directly contributed to improving the quality of life of Cambodian people at the grassroots level.

In this project, the Japanese Government will provide 245,215 US Dollars for purchasing 10 second-hand waste collection trucks made in Japan for distribution to 10 Cambodian provinces. Everyone knows that Cambodia has been enjoying rapid economic growth but is struggling with the ever-increasing garbage as a side effect of the economic growth. If such garbage is not separated and collected properly, it will cause a serious impact on the environment and people's health and life.

Although the trucks provided through this project are second-hand, they have been used with care, maintained well and kept in good conditions by various Japanese local governments. Furthermore, Japanese waste collection trucks can hold a large amount of garbage in spite of their apparent size. Therefore, they can enter small alleys and collect garbage without severely obstructing other traffic. I am pleased that these trucks will be able to contribute to supporting the people in Cambodia.

I would like to mention that we have received kind support from the Japan-Cambodia Association for providing information on the conditions of the second-hand truck market in Japan. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Japan-Cambodia Association for their contribution.

The Japanese Government has worked together with the Royal Government of Cambodia in the field of socio-economic development for a long time. With a strong focus on sustainable development, we are looking forward to working with the Cambodian Government and its people in tackling urgent environmental issues.

Lastly, I wish everyone present here today good health and happiness and I also wish for further development in the friendship between Japan and Cambodia.