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Signing Ceremony of Record of Discussions

on

“Project for Formulation of the Development Plan for Urban Water Supply”

On January 12, 2023, at the Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MISTI), the Record of Discussions for JICA New Technical Cooperation **Project for Formulation of the Development Plan for Urban Water Supply** was signed by **H.E. Oum Sotha**, Secretary of State, MISTI and Ms. KAMEI Haruko, Chief Representative of JICA Cambodia Office.

It is the fifth JICA's Technical Cooperation Project in water supply sector since 2003. The expected goal of the Project is to improve the capacity of MISTI to regulate and supervise the urban water supply sector with the capacity improvement of Department of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (DISTIs) through formulating the urban water supply development guide, the model of provincial urban water supply development plan and the model of public waterworks master plan. It is contributed to improve the access to clean, safe, sustainable and affordable water in Cambodia.

The Project is to enable MISTI to formulate the development guide and development plan in the sector through continuous capacity building of MISTI and DISTIs. Based on the Record of Discussions, the Project is expected to start in the middle of 2023 and aims to develop the Urban Water Supply Development Guide, the Model Provincial Urban Water Supply Development Plans in the selected provinces and Model Public Waterworks' Master Plans in selected public waterworks as well as to build capacity of DISTIs for urban water supply management.

JICA has long been one of the major development partners in the water supply sector in Cambodia. The Government of Japan, through JICA, is strongly committed to working with long-term strategic partnerships with the Royal Government of Cambodia to achieve safe and clean water for everyone.

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