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**Signing of Loan Agreements and Grant Agreement
for Promoting the Economic Stabilization and Development Efforts and
Development of Human Resources of the Kingdom of Cambodia**

On June 22, 2023, at Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), three (3) Loan Agreements and one (1) Grant Agreement were signed by **H.E. Dr. AUN Pornmoniroth**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance, the Royal Government of Cambodia and **Mr. NAKAZAWA Keiichiro**, Senior Vice President of Japan International Cooperation Agency. The Loan Agreements and Grant Agreement were signed for the following projects:

(1) Siem Reap Water Expansion Project (III)

- a. The amount of the Loan: JPY 2,081,000,000
 - a. Objective and Scope: The objective of the Project is to ensure the water supply through expanding the water supply system, thereby contributing to improve the living environment in the Siem Reap city and to promote the tourism industry in the region. The Project's scope consists of the construction of intake facilities with capacity of 66,000m³/day, water treatment plant with capacity of 60,000m³/day, installation of the treated transmission mains lengths 29km, and installation of water distribution pipelines with length of 259km. The Project will contribute to achievement of 100% water supply by 2025 the Water Supply Policy of the Royal Government of Cambodia as one of the prioritized projects for water supply's expansion plan 2018-2025.
 - b. Project Site: Siem Reap Province.
 - c. Executing Agency: Siem Reap Water Supply Authority (SRWSA)

(2) National Road No.5 Improvement Project (Prek Kdam – Thlea Ma'am Section) (IV)

- a. The amount of the Loan: JPY 7,205,000,000

- b. Objective and Scope: The objective of the Project is to increase the transportation capacity as well as to improve the logistics efficiency in the section between Prek Kdam and Thlea Ma'am Section along the National Road No.5 which connects Phnom Penh Capital to the border of Cambodia and Thailand, thereby contributing to economic development of Cambodia. The Project's scope consists of improvement and expansion of existing road from 2 lanes to 4 lanes with 3 meters median and steel guardrail from Prek Kdam of Kandal province to Thlea Ma'am of Pursat province with the total length of 118 km including the construction of new bypasses in Kampong Chhnang with length of 11.8 km and Odongk with length of 4.9km.
- c. Project Site: Kandal, Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang and Pursat Province
- d. Executing Agency: Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT)

(3) Rural Road Connectivity Improvement Project

- a. The amount of the Loan: JPY 23,692,000,000
- b. Objective and Scope: The objective of the Project is to strengthen the rural road network, improve the access of people for socio economic activities and adapt to climate change by improving 38 rural roads with length of 529.7km (DBST/RC pavement's type) including bridges and drainage structures in the surrounding provinces of National Road No.5, thereby contributing to the socioeconomic development in the target area.
- c. Project Site: Kampong Chhnang, Pursat, Battambang and Banteay Meanchey Province
- d. Executing Agency: Ministry of Rural Development (MRD).

(4) Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)

- a. The amount of the Grant is JPY 366,000,000.00
- b. Objective and Scope: The objective of the Project is to support human resource development by providing more opportunities for young governmental officials who are expected to involve in formulating and implementing socio-economic development plans and play leadership roles to develop Cambodia society. It also aims to enhance bilateral relations between the two countries through human network, academic and social activities, and experiences in Japan. JDS program has started in Cambodia since 2000, and about 500 young capable government officials have been awarded scholarship to study Master and Ph.D. degrees over the past 20 years.
- c. Executing Agency: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MOEYS)

Marking 70th year's anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and Cambodia, as one of key development partners in the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Government of Japan through JICA is strongly committed to work with long-term strategic partnership with the Royal Government of Cambodia for supporting the further strengthening of the socio-economic and human resources development of the country.
