

PRESS RELEASE

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Visit of Japanese Government Delegation on Anti-Human-Trafficking Measures

January 17 to 19, 2007

1. The Government of Japan has decided to dispatch a Government Delegation on Anti-Human-Trafficking Measures headed by Mr. NISHI Masanori, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Policy Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and composed of representatives of the ministries concerned (Cabinet Secretariat, National Police Agency, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare) for three days from January 17 to 19 to Cambodia. This dispatch is aimed at combating the problems of human trafficking more efficiently. The Delegation will engage in consultations with concerned government agencies on efficient anti-human-trafficking measures, and hear about the actual situations from international organizations and local NGOs.

2. Japan considers human trafficking to be a grave violation of human rights, and recognizes the urgent necessity of taking measures to combat it. Based on this recognition, it formulated a comprehensive Action Plan of Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons in December 2004, and has taken various measures based on the Plan while pursuing international cooperation.

3. The delegation will engage in a high-level consultation meeting with Cambodian National Taskforce headed by H.E. Ms. YOU Ay, Secretary of State of Women Affairs, on Thursday, 18 January from 08:30 at MoWA, to discuss efficient anti-human trafficking measures and to find possibilities of further bilateral cooperation on this matter. The delegation will also pay a courtesy visit on H.E. Ms. ING Kantha Pavy, Minister of Women Affairs, on Wednesday, 17 January at 15:00 at the Ministry of Women Affairs (MoWA).

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