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Notes to Editors and Photo Opportunity
Donation Ceremony of Dental Instruments, Midwife kits and TBA kits
from the Government of Japan
through Japanese Technical Cooperation
September 29, 1995

The Government of Japan has decided to provide assistance with the total amount of ¥ 11,807,078 (approximately equivalent to 118,078 US dollars) to the Ministry of Health which will enable the Ministry to receive one dentistry set to fully equip one dental clinic, 13 simple dentistry sets with their accessories and 450 sets of each midwifery and TBA (Traditional Birth Assistants) kits.

The donation ceremony for these instruments will be held at the CMS (Central Medical Store) under the presence of H.E. CHHEA THAING, Minister of Health and H.E. Yukio IMAGAWA, Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia, on Friday September 29, 1995 at 09:00 A.M.

Background of the project:

- Dental health care in hospitals is not sufficient due to the lack of equipment. New dentists have been appointed to work in the hospitals in the provinces where there are no dental units. The improvement of dental care facilities in central and provincial hospitals is needed to provide good quality treatment.
- The lack of equipment for the use of the midwives and TBA especially at the district and commune level contributes to the high infant mortality rate (about 117 per 1000) and maternal mortality rate (about 800 to 1000 per 10,000) in Cambodia. To reduce the maternal and infant mortality rate, antenatal care and deliveries should be improved through strengthening the activities of the midwives and TBA.

Outline of the project:

- One fully equipped dental clinic will be installed at Preah Kossamak Hospital, 13 dentistry sets will be distributed to 13 provinces.
- A training course for maternal and child health care will be carried out for the midwives from the districts and communes and 450 sets of midwife and TBA kits will be distributed to strengthen their available activities.