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Japanese ODA News Handing-Over Ceremony Project for Rural Drinking Water Supply in Peri-Urban of Phnom Penh City (Phase II)

January 24, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

at the Well No. 49-6, N. Along Kngan Village, Khmuonh Commune, Dangkao District
Phnom penh City

(Editors are invited for reporting and photo coverage)

This ceremony is to hand-over 74 additional wells implemented by the project for Rural Drinking Water Supply in Peri-Urban of Phnom Penh City (Phase II) under the presence of H.E. Mr. LU LAY SRENG, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Rural Development and H.E. Mr. TAKAHASHI FUMIAKI, Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia.

The Government of Japan has extended grant aid, in accordance with the Notes exchanged signed respectively on June 13, 2002 and June 25, 2003, a total amount of up to 1,226 million yen or about US\$ 10 million for the purpose of contributing to the execution of the Phase I (784 million yen) and Phase II (442 million yen) of this project.

For the purpose of improving the living standard of rural population by means of developing groundwater supply for drinking, this project is to drill in total 165 deep wells equipped with hand-pumps in 60 villages of Peri-Urban of Phnom Penh City in Dangko, Ruessey Keo and Mean Chey districts to supply safe drinking water for the benefit of approximately 35,000 residents.

In February 2004, 91 deep wells were delivered in term of the completion of the Phase I Project. And in this Phase II, additional 74 deep wells will be handed to complete the total 165 deep wells at the projected area.

In addition, the Water Point Committee (WPC) is to be established to participate in the construction of the well facilities and to ensure a sustainable and smooth operation and maintenance of the facilities by the beneficiary residents.

It is expected that this grant project will bring about better life of beneficiary residents.

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