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NOTE TO EDITORS

Japan Further Contributes to Demining in Cambodia

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On the occasion of presenting his credentials to His Majesty Samdech Preah Norodom Sihanouk Varman, Japanese Ambassador, H.E. Mr Shohei Naito informed the King of Cambodia of Japan's further contribution to enable CMAC continue its humanitarian demining activities in Cambodia.

This contribution of US\$ 1.25 million is in addition to the US\$ 2.5 million that Japan pledged in March 1994 at the second International Committee on the Reconstruction of Cambodia (ICORC). This grant was given to the UNDP trust fund to be used by CMAC for demining.

This assistance is part of Japan's commitment to assist the Royal Government of Cambodia in its efforts to upgrade the living standards of Cambodians by providing mine-free land for habitation and agriculture.

Japan has also given US\$17.1 Million to Afghanistan, former Yugoslavia, Nicaragua and to Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Clearance of the U.N. in order to help in the eradication of landmines world-wide. Thus the Japan's Contribution in this field amounts to US\$ 20.85 Million on total.