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### JAPAN PROVIDES OVER 800,000 US DOLLARS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND NGOs

Under Japan's economic cooperation framework, *the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects ("KUSANONE" Grant) and Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects*, the Government of Japan will provide a total of 888,091USD to four recipient organizations. Grant Contracts were signed by H.E. Mr. SHINOHARA Katsuhiko, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and by the representatives from the recipient organizations, which would carry out the following projects:

1. The Project for Construction of Rainwater Tanks in Svay Chek District, Banteay Meanchey Province (US\$55,562)

Recipient: Cambodian Building Organization (CBO)

With a view to providing clean drinking water, the project will install 20 of 45,000L rainwater tanks at each of 18 schools and 2 health centers in Svay Chek district, where people are currently facing a shortage of drinking water in dry seasons. This project is expected to benefit approximately 7,000 students and patients.

2. The Project for Construction of Reay Pay and Baray Health Centers in Kampong Cham Province (US\$ 73,500)

Recipient: Srey Santhor Kong Meas Operational District

This project will construct two health centers with a pump well and a 2-unit toilets in Reay Pay- and Baray commune in Sray Santhor Kong Meas operational district, Kampong Cham Province, where no health center facilities is existent. The project is a part of Japan's comprehensive endeavor to link this project to related technical cooperation implemented by JICA and by a Japanese NGO, SHARE, and by so doing to maximize the effect all together. As many as 22,000 people are expected to be assured the access to these health centers.

3. The Project for Rehabilitation of Toul Kou Irrigation in Pursat Province (US\$ 80,430)

Recipient: Pursat Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology

In response to the shortage of agricultural water, Pursat Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology (PDOWRAM) will rehabilitate Toul Kou

irrigation system. By constructing canals, the farmers in the area will be able to distribute and control water from reservoir throughout the year, benefiting approximately 160 families with the increase of rice production. With the technical supervision of PDOWRAM, water user committees are expected to maintain the irrigation system for the sustainable usage.

#### 4. The Project for Supporting Explosive Ordnance Disposal in Southeast Provinces in Cambodia (US\$678,599)

Recipient: Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS)

With the grant, Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS) continues to deploy its EOD teams in the southeast provinces of Cambodia, namely Kandal, Svay Rieng, Kompong Cham and Kompong Speu, which suffer from a large numbers of casualties of the Unexploded-Ordnance(UXO)-related accidents. The grant also supports Community Based UXO Risk Reduction (CBURR) to collect and provide information on UXO accidents and on the UXO locations through the village volunteer network. JMAS's project supported by Japan's assistance is expected to alleviate the threat of UXO in the said provinces.

*Japan's "KUSANONE" Grant Assistance* started in Cambodia in 1991 in order to support Cambodia's reconstruction and development efforts at the grassroots level. The assistance is aimed at protecting vulnerable individuals from such factors as poverty and misfortunes that directly threaten their lives, livelihood, and dignity, as well as at promoting self-reliance of local communities. Since 1991, the Government of Japan has provided over US\$36 million for local authorities and non-governmental organizations to implement 395 projects throughout the country.

In addition, *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects* started in Cambodia in 2002 in order to support activities by Japanese NGOs to help Cambodia's reconstruction and development efforts at the grassroots level. To date, the Government of Japan has disbursed over US\$6.1 million for 34 projects by the Japanese NGOs, mainly in the field of primary education, health, and explosive ordnance disposal. The project by the Japanese NGO signed today is the sixth project funded by this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2007 (April 2007-March 2008).