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**Ground Breaking Ceremony
for
the Project for the Rehabilitation of the National Roads Route 6 and 7**

May 15, 1997 at 8:00 a.m.
(at Skun, junction of the National Roads 6 and 7)

The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the **Project for the Rehabilitation of the National Roads Route 6 and 7** will take place at Skun on the 15th May 1997 at 08:00 in the presence of H.E. ING KIETH, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Works and Transport. H.E. NAITO SHOHEI, Ambassador of Japan will also participate in this ceremony.

The Royal Government of Cambodia requested to the Government of Japan to extend Grant Aid assistance for the Rehabilitation of the National Roads Route 6 and 7 (National Road 6 from Thnol Kèng to Skun and National Road 7 from Skun to Kompong Cham Town). On November 29, 1996, the Exchange of Notes was signed between H.E. UNG HUOT and H.E. Ambassador NAITO SHOHEI, to conduct a detailed design for this project and to commence the rehabilitation.

Objective of the Project: To improve the transportation network linking the northern parts of Cambodia with the Municipality of Phnom Penh. It is expected that the completion of the rehabilitation of the National Road 6 and 7 will be beneficial to the national economy as the northern areas of Cambodia are principal areas for the production of rice, rubber and lumber.

Outline of the Project: As Phase I of the Project for the Rehabilitation of the National Roads Route 6 and 7 consists of the following:

1) Road Rehabilitation Work

The 16 km section of National Road 7 from Kompong Cham Town. This work consists of Earth Work, Sub-base Course Work and Drainage Structure Work.

2) Bridge Construction Work

No. 9 Bridge (Length: 20 m) and No. 10 Bridge (Length: 12 m)

Staff and equipment from the Road Construction Center (RCC), which was rehabilitated and equipped by Japanese Grant Aid in 1994-95, will be also used for the implementation of this project.

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