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Cambodian-German Provincial Development Program starts in Kampong Thom Province

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany would like to inform that on February 17, the "Provincial Development Program Kampong Thom" will be officially opened by H.E. Dr. Hong Sun Hout, Ministry of Rural Development and Mrs. Baumann, First Secretary of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. The ceremony will be attended by the Governor of Kampong Thom, representatives of the Ministry of Rural Development, the different Provincial Departments as well as International Organizations and NGO working in Kampong Thom Province.

The Provincial Development Program (PDP) Kampong Thom is a project funded by the Federal Republic of Germany and jointly implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit, GTZ.

The objective of this integrated rural development program is to contribute to better satisfy the basic needs of the rural poor - in particular small scale farmers, women and youth - in Kampong Thom Province. With a participatory, community oriented approach, the project will develop activities in the fields of small scale agriculture, non-agricultural income opportunities, strengthening of self-help capacities and of local organizations, village development, including village level planning and rural infrastructures. Financial assistance will be made available to options such as self-help and village funds as well as credit schemes which will be developed according to needs and local conditions.

To support these village level activities, the project offers to strengthen the capacities of the Ministry of Rural Development, of different provincial services as well as of local NGO working in Kampong Thom Province and will support the coordination and cooperation on provincial and district level.

The project has a planned life span of about 10 years. For the first phase of three years (January 1996 - January 1999), funds amounting to approximately 7 Mio. US-$ have been made available by the Federal Republic of Germany.

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