

PRESS RELEASE**សេចក្តីប្រកាសព័ត៌មាន**

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NOTE TO EDITORS-PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**The Inauguration Ceremony
of the TB Ward
in the Kien Svay District Hospital, Kandal Province****November 25th, 1998
at 08:30 a.m. at the Kien Svay District Hospital
in Kandal Province**

This ceremony is to inaugurate a new TB Ward in the Kien Svay District Hospital in the presence of H.E. Mr. MAM BUN HENG, Under Secretary of State for Health, H.E. Mr. Chak Sarik, Governor of Kandal Province and Mr. Keiji YAMAMOTO, Minister of the Embassy of Japan.

The construction of this TB Ward was implemented by Foundation International Development/Relief (FIDR), a Japanese NGO working in Cambodia. The Government of Japan funded FIDR with US\$ 30,086, based on the grant contract signed on June 5th, 1998 through the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Projects Scheme called "KUSANONE", for the construction cost of the TB ward with 30 beds and a toilet. These facilities will enable the Hospital to reduce the infectious risk of tuberculosis for the benefit of around 130,000 residents in the area.

The KUSANONE is the Japan's grant aid to support small-scale, grass-roots projects by NGOs or local authorities and is an important pillar of Japan's economic cooperation to Cambodia. Since its start in 1992, the total amount of US\$ 5,885,139 KUSANONE grant has been provided to assist 117 projects in Cambodia to help Cambodian rehabilitation and development efforts at the grass-roots level.

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