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**Explanatory Meeting by the Returned Fellows of**  
**Human Resource Development Scholarship Program**

Friday, October 17, 2003 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
at the Multipurposes Hall of the Embassy of Japan  
(Editors are invited for reporting and photo coverage)

This ceremony will be held on Friday, October 17, 2003 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Multipurpose Hall of the Embassy of Japan under the presence of H.E. GOTARO OGAWA, Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia, Mr. Juro CHIKARAISHI, Resident Representative of JICA Cambodia Office and Mr. YANG YANO, Director of Cultural Relations and Scholarship Department, Representative of H.E. Mr. IM SETHY, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

With a view to strengthening friendly and cooperative relations between Japan and the Kingdom of Cambodia and in order to support the Royal Government of Cambodia in its efforts for human resource development, the Government of Japan has extended Japan Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship, through which provide the opportunity to Cambodian youths, especially young government officials, the scholarships to continue their study (master degree) at Japanese universities to conduct academic researches necessary for the development of the country as well as for the promotion of market economy, such as studies in law, economics, international relations, agriculture, IT (Information Telecommunications) and infrastructure management.

Since the program started, 60 Cambodian successful students have been sent to Japan for further their education in different fields. Among the 20 successful students sent to Japan under the 1<sup>st</sup> year program (Japanese fiscal year 2001-2002), 9 fellows have come back with the Master Degree upon completion on their 2-year study. They will explain about his/her research, Japanese life including university campus life as well as other activities, and future plan to share his/her experience gained in Japan.

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