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JAPAN PROVIDES OVER 61,000 US DOLLARS FOR SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES BY NGO

Under the framework of *the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO's Projects*, the Government of Japan has provided a total of 61,611USD to the Japan League on Developmental Disabilities (JLDD) for supporting people with intellectual disabilities in Kompong Speu and Kompong Chhunang provinces. The Grant Contract was signed by H.E. Mr. SHINOHARA Katsuhiko, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and by Ms. NUMATA Chiyoko, Secretary General of the Japan League on Developmental Disabilities, in the Embassy of Japan.

JLDD, a Japanese non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to improving the capacity of the people with disabilities in Cambodia, received the grant from the government of Japan today for its Project for Community Approach in Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities in Kompong Speu and Kompong Chhunang provinces. This project provides trainings and workshops in 35 villages in the said provinces, to raise awareness on intellectual disabilities in the communities. JLDD expects that the project will allow approximately 270 people with intellectual disabilities and 18,000 villagers to improve their knowledge.

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\$6.2 million for 35 projects by the Japanese NGOs, mainly in the field of primary education, health, and explosive ordnance disposal. The project by JLDD is the seventh project funded with this grant scheme in Japanese fiscal year 2007 (April 2007-March 2008).

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