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NOTE TO EDITORS - PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Royal Inspection for the Rehabilitation Project
of the National Road 6A
April 11, 1995

"Royal Inspection for the Rehabilitation Project of the National Road 6A" will be conducted under the high presence's of their Majesties King Norodom Sihanouk Varman and Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk.

Japanese Ambassador, Yukio IMAGAWA, will be in attendance at this ceremony, which are being organized by the Ministry of Public Works and Transports. The Project for the Rehabilitation of the National Road 6A is now going on by using the Japanese Grant Aid. The National Road 6A will obtain a new pavement surfacing (L = 44.57 Km., W = 7 m.) which will enable more comfort and safety.

The National Road Route 6A was built in early 1960s by the Nation's own funds and technology, together with Chroy Changwar Bridge which was built in 1963 by Japan, The road is located in the northeast of PHNOM PENH CITY, along the western side of MEKONG RIVER. The length of road is 44.570 kilometers. During the Civil War, several bridges of Route 6A has been destroyed and other road facilities such as road embankment and pavement were also affected. The repetitive floods occurred in the area inevitably add to further damages to the same.

The objective of this project is to rehabilitate Route 6A to be able to resume its contribution to economic stabilization and further development of Cambodia. In the light of its importance and urgency, the Supreme National Council of Cambodia (SNC) had requested for a Japan's Grant Aid for this project, and the project was decided to be implemented under the Japanese Grant Aid on the basis of the exchange of notes concluded on July, 1993 and July 30, 1994.

OUTLINE OF THE REHABILITATION OF THE NATIONAL ROAD ROUTE 6A

Phase I

(1) First phase construction completed December, 1994; including construction of and/or repair to sub-base course, adjustment of slope failure, reconstruction of 26 bridges, box-culvert installation and road fill.

(2) Quantities of items

1) Distance of Reconstructed Road	:	44,57 Km.
2) Number of Rehabilitated Bridges	:	26 Bridges
3) Number of Constructed Box-culverts	:	2 box-culverts

(3) Amount of the Grant

¥ 1,418,000,000 Approximately: US $ 14,000,000

(4) Duration

December, 1993 ~ November, 1994

(5) Contractor : MAEDA Corporation
Consultant : Pacific Consultants International

Phase II

(1) Second phase construction will be completed approximately November 1995; including construction of base course and asphalt pavement as well as grading up to level of main road for the entire 2-lane, 44,5 Km. length of Route 6A.

(2) Quantities of items

1) Distance of Pavement Surfacing	:	44,57 Km.
2) Width of Road	:	Pavement (2 lanes @ 3,5 m. = 7 m.)
	:	Shoulders (2 @ 1,5 m. = 3 m.)
	:	Total : 10 m.
3) Number of constructed Box-culverts:		1 Box-culverts

(3) Amount of Grant

¥ 1,594,000,000 Approximately : US $ 15,940,000

(4) Duration

December, 1994 ~ November, 1995

(5) Contractor : MAEDA Corporation
Consultant : Pacific Consultants International

Total amount of this Japanese Grant Aid is approximately US $ 30,000,000 and includes the reconstruction of the Cambodia-Japan friendship bridge. The driving time between Kampong Cham and Phnom Penh will be reduced from four hours to two hour and thirty minutes after the repair work has been fully concluded.

Editors are invited to assign the report and photo coverage.

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