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Ground Breaking Ceremony of the Project for Improvement of National Highway Route 6 Siem Reap Section

on January 10, 2001, starting at 08:45 a.m.
on the National Road 6, 3km East of Siem Reap Town
(in Slar Krom Commune, Siem Reap District)
(Editors are invited for reporting and photo coverage)

The Ground Breaking Ceremony of the Project for Improvement of National Highway Route 6 Siem Reap Section, hosted by His Excellency Mr. Khy Taing Lim, Minister of Public Works and Transport, will be held in the auspicious presence of His Excellency Samdech HUN Sen, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Cambodia, and His Excellency Mr. Kiyohiro ARAKI, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Japan and H.E. Mr. Gotaro OGAWA, Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia.

This Project is to improve the 17.5km section of the National Route 6 between Siem Reap city and Roluos, the most ancient of Angkor's prestigious World Cultural Heritage, with the total Project cost of ¥1,307,000,000 (Approx. equivalent to US\$12,000,000).

Strengthening of the road network is one of the priority development objectives of the Royal Government of Cambodia and the improvement of National Highway Route 6, Siem Reap Section is expected to contribute to the improvement of living conditions and security situation thereby promoting reinvigoration of economic activities around the project area and to expand tourism in this historical area. This area which is considered to have a great potential of development in Cambodia.

The Government of Japan already funded the rehabilitation of the portion from Phnom Penh to Skun of the National Highway Route 6 in the recent pasts. This project, in close cooperation with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, is expected to greatly improve the transportation from Phnom Penh city to Siem Reap Province with its anticipated large socio-economic impact to this country.

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