

PRESS RELEASE

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The Government of Japan has decided to provide assistance to the Kingdom of Cambodia namely following three projects by using the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass- Roots type of Project (JGAGRP).

Including these 3 projects the total amount of this type of grant Assistance reached US \$ 744,001 (78,865,166 yen) and were provided for 17 projects from April 1992 to March 1995. Although each project differs from another, priority is given to reconstruction of district hospitals, primary school, rehabilitation for disabled persons, and the restoration of cultural heritage.

The signing of the contract for these three projects will take place at the Embassy of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia at 16:00 Hs on March 13, 1995.

The following is an outline of each project:

1. Construction of Primary School in Takeo Province

Name of Recipient : Education, Youth and Sport Office,
Takeo Province

Total amount of Grant Assistance : US \$ 89,100

Outline and background of Projects:

The amelioration of primary education is a prerequisite for rehabilitation and further development of Cambodia.

But many schools have not yet fully recovered from destructions and damages which they have suffered during turmoils over decades.

In Takeo Province, some schools were damaged in addition by natural disaster, so that many pupils are leaning under undesirable circumstances.

The project aims to help the parents in Takeo building up 9 primary schools in this province under the instruction made by foreign experts from Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Japanese who are operating there in the scheme of Tri-Partite Cooperation sponsored by the Government of Japan.

The Government of Japan will cover the costs of materials, needed for construction of above said 9 schools.

2. Installation of Radiology Department in the Saang District Hospital

Name of Recipient : Enfance Espoir

Total amount of Grant Assistance : US \$ 29,925

Outline and background of Projects:

The medical service is another sector which should be ameliorated without delay. The medical standard remains quite low even in the Capital City, but the situation in other districts is severer than that in Phnom Penh.

In Saang district, serious injury and illness cannot be treated, so that many patients must be sent to Phnom Penh to have higher medical examination and treatment.

In order to ameliorate the ability of the Saang district hospital, the Embassy of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia decided to provide above-said amount for installation of Radiology Department.

3. Construction of Rural Development Training Center

Name of Recipient : Rural Development Training Center

Total amount of Grant Assistance : US \$ 94,330

Outline and background of the Projects:

This Center is situated in the site where the Japanese Self-Defense Forces have laid their main headquarters during their operations in 1992. The MRD (Ministry for Rural Development) is now in charge for the utilization of this land lot and planning to establish the Training Center for Rural Development.

The Government of Japan, from the view point that the Rural development is essential for reconstruction and rehabilitation of Cambodia, has decided to assist this project by supplying equipments and materials for this Center where for the time being, three courses (Welding, Repairing motorcycles, agriculture) will be held for this purpose.

The MRD plans to held an opening ceremony for the Center in the end of April 1995