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### NOTE TO EDITORS - PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Signing of the Exchange of Notes  
Japanese Grant Aid for the Increase of Food Production  
July 10, 1995

Recently, there has been food shortages and even famine in the rural areas of Cambodia caused by last year's floods and droughts. To cope with this situation and to mitigate the suffering of the rural inhabitants, the Government of Japan provided 120,000 tonnes of rice to Cambodia since 1992. But to solve the problem of food shortage it is not sufficient just to give food, Cambodia has to increase its food production. From this point of view, the Government of Japan has decided to assist the Cambodian agricultural sector which has suffered from a lack of development to the increase the food production.

This is the fourth time, since 1992, that the Government of Japan has assisted with the increase of food production. This grant of ¥ 550,000,000 (under the current exchange rate approximately equivalent to US \$ 6,500,000), will enable the Royal Government of Cambodia to receive fertilizers, agricultural machinery and equipment, vehicles and transportation, etc.

Grant Aid for the Increase of Food Production 1992	: ¥ 500,000,000
1993	: ¥ 500,000,000
1994	: ¥ 600,000,000

The signing ceremony of the Exchange of Notes between Mr. Shigenobu KATO, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Japan, and H.E. UNG HUOT, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation will take place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on July 10, 1995 at 3:00 P.M.

Editors are invited for reporting and photo coverage.