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Signing Ceremony Negotiation for the accession of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the world Trade Organization

July 15, 2003 at 09:00 a.m.

at the Meeting Hall of the Ministry of Commerce

(Editors are invited for reporting and photo coverage)

Japan and the Kingdom of Cambodia have concluded their bilateral negotiation on trade in goods and services in the context of the accession of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the WTO.

H.E. Mr. Gotaro OGAWA, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia and H.E. Mr. CHAM Prasih, Minister of Commerce will sign on July 15, 2003 at 09:00 a.m. in the Ministry of Commerce the List of Concession and the Schedule of Specific Commitments on trade services, which shall be granted to Japan by the Kingdom of Cambodia upon its accession to the WTO.

Japan hopes that the Kingdom of Cambodia would conclude the bilateral negotiations with all contracting parties of WTO as soon as possible for the accession of Cambodia to the WTO.

The accession of Cambodia to WTO would develop further the free trade in the world and though its development would contribute to accelerate the economic growth of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

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