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NOTE TO EDITORS-PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

**Exchange of Notes for Japan's ODA
for the Detailed Designs of
the Project for Expansion of Phum Prek Water Treatment Plant
and
the Project for the Rehabilitation of National Road No. 7 Kompong Cham Section**

**in the presence of
H.E. Mr. Kiyohiro ARAKI
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Japan**

**January 9th, 2001 at around 4:30 p.m.
at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**

On the occasion of the visit of H.E. Mr. Kiyohiro ARAKI, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Japan to Cambodia from January 9th to 10th, 2001, and with a view to strengthening friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries, the Government of Japan has decided to extend to the Royal Government of Cambodia two Grant Aids up to the total amount of one hundred and thirty eight million yen (¥138,000,000 ; approximately equivalent to US\$ 1.2 million) for the purpose of implementing the Detailed Designs of the following two projects:

1. Project for Expansion of Phum Prek Water Treatment Plant (¥60,000,000)
2. Project for Rehabilitation of National Road No. 7 Kompong Cham Section (¥78,000,000).

The Notes to this effect will be exchanged on January 9th, 2001 at around 4:30 p.m. at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation between H.E. Mr. HOR Namhong, Senior Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and H.E. Mr. Gotaro OGAWA, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

I- Project for Expansion of Phum Prek Water Treatment Plant (Detailed Design)
(¥60,000,000)

Background and Objective of the Project: Water supply facilities in Phnom Penh City has been improved by the cooperation of donor countries including Japan. However, population of Phnom Penh city with its annual increase by 5% makes the demand for clean water stronger and is causing growing shortage of water supply every year.

In response to this situation, the Royal Government of Cambodia formulated "the Project for Expansion of Phum Prek Water Treatment Plant" to expand water treatment facility of Phnom Penh City by 42% and to improve the quality of water supply, and requested Grant Aid by the Government of Japan to implement the Project.

Water from this Phum Prek Water Treatment Plant will be distributed to, among others, people in poverty areas with the priority and is expected to improve the living standard of those people there.

Outline of the Project: This Project is to expand the Phum Prek Water Treatment Plant facilities by 50,000m³/day through:

- Improvement and expansion of raw water intake facilities
- Installation of conveyance pipeline
- Construction of water treatment facility, rehabilitation and improvement of existing facilities
- Expansion of distribution water reservoir
- Reinforcement and rehabilitation of distribution pump

II- Project for Rehabilitation of the National Road No. 7 Kompong Cham Section (Detailed Design) (¥ 78,000,000)

Background and Objective of the Project: It is expected that traffic volume on National Road No.7 would increase after the completion of Mekong bridge, which is being constructed with the Japanese grant aid. Kompong Cham section of this National Road No.7, which is on the east side of the Mekong River, is passing through the flooding area and includes Moat Khmung bridge which was damaged by the floods of recent years.

In order to assure the safe traffic of this section of National Road No.7, the Royal Government of Cambodia formulated the "Project for Rehabilitation of the National Road No.7 Kompong Cham Section" and requested grant aid of the Government of Japan to implement the Project.

National Road No.7 has a special significance from the point of view of the development of the Mekong sub-region, because it is a part of the road network of Asian Highways which traverse Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

Outline of the Project: The main components of the Project are as follows:

- Rehabilitation of Moat Khmung Bridge
- Rehabilitation of Mream Treak Bridge
- Rehabilitation of National Road No. 7 section from the east side of the Mekong Bridge to Thnal Totoeng (approximately 11.5 km.)

Editors are invited for reporting and photo coverage.