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## Japanese ODA News Exchange of Notes for Japan's ODA

Project for Rural Drinking Water Supply in Peri-Urban of Phnom Penh City (Phase II)  
and Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship

June 25, 2003 at 04:00 p.m.

at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

(Editors are invited for reporting and photo coverage)

In response to the request from the Royal Government of Cambodia, the Government of Japan has decided to extend Grant Aid assistance of up to **four hundred ninety-nine million Yen (¥ 499,000,000)**, approximately equivalent to **four million one hundred US dollars (US\$ 4,100,000)**, for the two following Projects:

1. Project for Rural Drinking Water Supply in Peri-Urban of Phnom Penh City (Phase II)  
(¥ 442,000,000)
2. Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship  
(¥ 57,000,000)

The Notes to these effects will be exchanged on **June 25, 2003 at 04:00 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.

1. Project for Rural Drinking Water Supply in Peri-Urban of Phnom Penh City (Phase II)  
(¥ 442,000,000)

For the purpose of improving the living standard of rural population by means of developing groundwater supply for drinking, this project which include Phase I is to drill 165 deep wells equipped with hand-pumps in 60 villages of Peri-Urban of Phnom Penh City in Dangko, Ruessey Keo and Mean Chey districts.

This project would supply safe drinking water for the benefit of approximately 29,200 residents. In addition, the Water Point Committee (WPC) is to be established to build well facilities with the community participation, and to ensure a sustainable and smooth operation and maintenance of the facilities by the beneficiary residents.

This Phase II project is to follow up the Phase I stage in which, in accordance to the Exchange of Notes signed on June 13, 2002, necessary equipment such as set of truck mounted drilling rig, truck mounted high pressure air compressor, drilling tools, etc, and 91 deep-wells were handed on June 23, 2003, to the Department of Rural Water Resource of the Ministry of Rural Development. The today's signing is for the remaining 74 deep-wells.

2. Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (¥ 57,000,000)

Japan's Human Resource Development Scholarship, which started in Cambodia since the year 2000, is to support the Royal Government of Cambodia in its efforts towards human resource development by providing scholarship for Cambodian youths (under 35 years old) with special priority to young government officials. The scholarship will be provided to 20 Cambodians mainly for the master degree in order to conduct academic researches necessary for the development of the country as well as promotion of market economy, especially in the fields of economics, international relations, agriculture, rural development and civil engineering.

This grant amount of ¥ 57,000,000 is to cover the fees for the selection of students, the training in Cambodia and the air-tickets for this fiscal year 2003.

Since the starting of this program, in 2000, the total of 60 successful Cambodian students have already sent to Japan for study in their respective universities.