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KUSANONE Grant Assistance Signing Ceremony

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at the Hall of the Embassy of Japan

(Editors are invited for reporting and photo coverage)

The Government of Japan has decided to provide, through its Grant Assistance for Grass-roots/Human Security Projects called "KUSANONE" (which means Grass-roots in Japanese) a total amount of US\$ 924,289 to the following 13 projects. The Grant Contracts will be signed between Mr. Gotaro OGAWA, Ambassador and the Representatives of each recipient organization.

(The outline of the KUSANONE Projects)

1. The Project for Constructing HIV/AIDS Outpatient Ward in Preah Kossamak Hospital, Phnom Penh (US\$161,197)

Recipient: *Médecins du Monde*

Outline of the Project: To construct one HIV/AIDS outpatient ward at Preah Kossamak Hospital in Phnom Penh in order to provide outpatient consultation service for patients living with HIV/AIDS.

2. The Project for Supporting School Based Deworming Program for Primary School Children in Cambodia (Phase 2) (US\$71,836)

Recipient: *National Center for Parasitology, Entomology and Malaria Control*

Outline of the Project: To support the printing cost of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials of 2,400 school kits for a School Based Deworming Program to be distributed to 12 provinces in Cambodia.

3. The Project for Constructing TB In-Patient Ward in Kampong Tralach District Referral Hospital in Kampong Chhnang Province (US\$51,052)

Recipient: *Kampong Chhnang Provincial Health Department*

Outline of the Project: To construct one TB ward equipped with furniture, one 4-room toilet, and renovate the existing in-patient ward at Kampong Tralach district referral hospital in Kampong Tralach district.

4. The Project for Construting Dental Nurse Training Facilities at Regional Training Center in Kampong Cham Province (US\$76,900)

Recipient: *Kampong Cham Regional Training Center*

Outline of the Project: To construct one 2-story building equipped with two dental chairs, dormitory beds, office furniture and a projector for Kampong Cham Regional Training Center.

5. **The Project for Constructing School Buildings in Chhouk District, Kampot Province (US\$59,615)**
Recipient: Family Health Promotion
Outline of the Project: To construct two 5-classroom buildings for Chhouk High School in Chhouk District and one 4-classroom building for Chordom Primary School in Chordom village, Kraing Sbov commune, Chhouk district and equip each with furniture.
6. **The Project for Constructing a Dormitory at Pre-School Teacher Training Center in Phnom Penh (US\$81,441)**
Recipient: Pre-School Teacher Training Center
Outline of the Project: To construct one 3-story dormitory for a Pre-School Teacher Training Center to improve the pedagogical training and practice of pre-school teacher trainees. The first story will be used as multipurpose hall.
7. **The Project for Constructing a Library at Kien Kleang Orphanage Center in Phnom Penh (US\$11,887)**
Recipient: Kien Kleang Orphanage Center
Outline of the Project: To construct one library with furniture at Kien Kleang Orphanage Center in Phnom Penh.
8. **The Project for the Construction of School Latrines and Wells in Tbeng Meanchey and Rovieng District, Preah Vihear Province (US\$40,235)**
Recipient: Action Against Hunger UK
Outline of the Project: To construct 39 2-room toilets, 4-hand dug wells and rehabilitate 3 pump wells at 10 targeted school in the area around Tbeng Meanchey and Rovieng District in Preah Vihear province.
9. **The Project for Constructing Wells in Chong Kal District, Oddor Meanchey Province (US\$32,266)**
Recipient: Teuk Sa'at
Outline of the Project: To provide fees for the installation of 25 wells, sanitation and maintenance training fees in 4 communes of Chong Kal district in Oddor Meanchey.
10. **The Project for Providing Rice Threshing Machines in Kampong Thom Province (US\$5,940)**
Recipient: Pagoda Associations Coordinating Committee in Stoung
Outline of the Project: To provide 9 rice threshing machines to 9 community based associations, Stoung district, Kampong Thom Province.
11. **The Project for Rehabilitating Chay Chhke Irrigation System in Sihanoukville Municipality (US\$73,512)**
Recipient: Sihanoukville Municipal Department of Water Resources and Meteorology
Outline of the Project: To rehabilitate the irrigation system consisting of one 3,000m dike, one 800m canal and four culverts in Ream Village, Ream commune, Prey Nup district, Sihanoukville to protect rice field from marine water.

12. The Project for Rehabilitating Bet Trang Irrigation System in Sihanoukville Municipality (US\$80,152)

Recipient: *Sihanoukville Municipal Department of Water Resources and Meteorology*

Outline of the Project: To construct one 1,300m access road, three new culverts, one 2,400m dike, one new box culvert and repair one outlet structure in Chomnot Ream village, Bet Trang commune, Prey Nup district, Sihanoukville to protect rice field from marine water and to improve access to the community.

13. The Project for Providing Demining Equipment in Heavily Mined Provinces (US\$178,256)

Recipient: *Mines Advisory Group*

Outline of the Project: To provide 57 sets of mine detectors and personal protective equipment for humanitarian mine action in Battambang, Pursat, Preah Vihear and Kampong Thom province.

“KUSANONE” grant assistance started in Cambodia in 1992, in order to assist Cambodia’s reconstruction and development efforts at the Grass-roots level. This program was previously known as “Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Projects”; however, from the beginning of Japan’s fiscal year 2003, it was renamed as “Grant Assistance for Grass-roots/Human Security Projects”. The program’s objectives include not only empowering individuals and communities to become self-reliant but also protecting people from a wide range of factors that directly threaten the lives, livelihoods, and dignity of human beings.

Up to the present time, almost US\$20 million has been provided by the government of Japan through the “KUSANONE” scheme to assist 299 projects from international and local NGOs as well as local authorities.

Since the introduction of new grant scheme “The Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO’s projects” in 2002, US\$ 636,320 has been provided to 7 Japanese NGOs in Cambodia.

In the Japanese fiscal-year 2003 (April 2003~March 2004), under these two grant schemes a total amount of US\$ 1,993,029 has been granted to 32 projects.

