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Signing of Contracts for Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Projects (KUSANONE)

November 24th, 1998 at 10:00 a.m.
at the Meeting Room of the Embassy of Japan

The Government of Japan has now decided to provide, through its Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Projects scheme, a total amount of US\$ 252,321, for the following 5 development projects.

The Grant Contracts will be signed between H.E. Mr. MASAKI SAITO, Ambassador of Japan, and the representative of each project at 10:00 a.m. on November 24th, 1998 at the Meeting Room of the Embassy of Japan.

The Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Projects scheme, called "KUSANONE" started in Cambodia in 1991 in order to help Cambodia's rehabilitation and development efforts at the grass roots level. Up to present, a total of US\$ 5,885,139 has been provided by the Government of Japan through "KUSANONE" to assist 117 various international and local NGO projects, especially in the education and health sectors.

((The outline of the 5 projects))

1. The Project to Assist Partial Mechanization and Promotion of Humanitarian Demining in Siem Riep and Banteay Meanchey Provinces (US\$ 83,521)

Recipient: The HALO Trust

Outline of the Project: The project is to purchase a tractor equipped with a vegetation cutting arm and a loader to expand humanitarian demining operations by the Halo Trust, which tries to promote partial mechanization to assist manual mine clearance. This tractor will be deployed in Siem Reap and Banteay Meanchey Provinces for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of mine clearance, especially in the areas of laterite soil.

2. The Project to Construct the Dental Health Training Department in the Regional Nursing Training Center in Kompong Cham Province (US\$ 59,124)

Recipient: The Regional Nursing Training Center (RTC)

Outline of the Project: This project is to construct new training facilities and provide education material for the dental nurse training course in the Regional Nursing Training Center in Kompong Cham City. To increase the availability of dental treatment, and to spread the oral health education in the rural area, the Center plans to bring up enough number of dental nurses to assign one to each health center in the province, and has implemented the 6-month dental nurse training course since 1997, but it does not have sufficient facilities and materials yet. Japan

Association of International Cooperation for Oral Health (JAICOH), a Japanese NGO working in Cambodia, is also helping this project and provide necessary technical assistance to the Center.

3. The Project to Construct School Buildings in Svay Rieng Province (US\$ 44,077)

Recipient: Japan Sotoshu Relief Committee (JSRC)

Outline of the Project: This project is to construct three 5-classroom school buildings with education materials in the Svay Chum Primary School, the Porthom Primary School and the Tasuos Primary School in Svay Rieng Province. The Government of Japan will provide 54% of the Project cost and the remaining will be shared by the schools and JSRC which also provides technical assistance for the project.

4. The Project to Construct a School Building in Laang Tuk Chup Primary School in Kampot Province. (US\$ 16,013)

Recipient: Japan Sotoshu Relief Committee (JSRC)

Outline of the Project: This project is to reconstruct a 5-classroom school building with education materials in the Laang Tuk Chup Primary School in Kampot Province. The Government of Japan will provide 65% of the construction cost and the remainder will be shared by the school and JSRC which also provides necessary technical assistance for the project.

5. The Project to Provide Vehicles for Outreach Programme for Landmine Victims in Sihanouk Ville and Kompong Chhnang Prosthetics Clinics. (US\$ 49,586)

Recipient: The Cambodia Trust Limb Project

Outline of the Project: The Cambodia Trust Limb Project is carrying out the "Outreach Programme" to enhance the access and care for mine victims and other disabled in remote and poor areas, and this project is to provide two new vehicles to replace the currently used old ones, which will facilitate the implementation of programme.

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