

New Approach of cooperation: Japan-Cambodia Landmine Initiative

Based on the long-standing cooperation in humanitarian mine action, Japan and Cambodia will strengthen cooperation under the following four pillars.

1 Raise awareness of the inhumanity of landmines and build international momentum for mine reduction

Aiming to eliminate anti-personnel landmines that indiscriminately harm civilians, Japan will work to build international momentum and raise awareness in cooperation with Cambodia, which will chair the 5th Review Conference of the Ottawa Convention (November 2024) (Japan will chair the 22nd Meeting of the States Parties to the Ottawa Convention in 2025).

2 Creation in the relevant Cambodian organization of an international cooperation team for a world free from landmines.

An international cooperation team for a world free from landmines will be established in the relevant Cambodian organization with staff who have acquired expertise in third-country assistance for humanitarian mine action. Japan will provide capacity-building support to increase the number of personnel who can join this new team. Furthermore, Japan will strengthen cooperation between Cambodia and humanitarian mine action organizations in other countries.

Example: Strengthen the organization of the relevant Cambodian institution so that it could work actively in the international arena (The Project for Strengthening Organizational Functions of CMAC)

Expansion of CMAC's cooperation intra-ASEAN, and African countries)

3 Japan-Cambodia Cooperation to Support Humanitarian Mine Action

Both countries will jointly implement assistance for humanitarian mine action in third countries, utilizing the knowledge and technology of the private sector and academia, while taking into account the WPS perspective. In this context, Cambodia will be a hub for third-country assistance.

Example: In Ukraine, JICA and CMAC conducted training for the introduction of the Advance Landmine Detection System (ALIS) developed by Tohoku University.

4 Development of equipment using the latest technology

Japan and Cambodia will cooperate to develop demining technology utilizing the latest technology such as AI for further efficient mine clearance, in cooperation with private companies.

Example: Demonstration test of a landmine burial location prediction system using AI (project in collaboration with a private company).



Training for Ukrainian
Demining Personnel



Training for Colombian
demining personnel