JAPAN PROVIDES US\$ 200,000 THROUGH KUSANONE PROJECT

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The Government of Japan has approved another US\$ 205, 658 for Cambodia reconstruction. The Grant Aid agreements for five projects are to be signed between H.E. Mr. Gotaro OGAWA, Ambassador of Japan to Cambodia, and the representatives of each recipient on February 9th.

Japan is the biggest donor to Cambodia since the latter's Government was formed following the 1993's elections.

The assistance amounting more than US\$ 200,000 is part of the Grant Aid "KUSANONE" Project that kicked off in Cambodia in 1992.

The Grant Aid "KUSANONE" Project was designed to assist Royal Government of Cambodia with the rehabilitation and development of her country, at the grassroots level. Up to today, the Government of Japan, including her last assistance to be signed on February 9th, has provided US\$ 8, 589, 693 in funding through the KUSANONE Project, to fund various development projects undertaken by international and local organizations and local authorities, and especially any projects focusing on education and health.

In the F.Y 2000, a total of US\$ 773, 314 has been approved under the KUSANONE Project. Also included in the five projects are two (projects): One to provide oral surgery equipment to Monivong Hospital, and the other to provide two ambulances in Phnom Penh.