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## EMBASSY OF JAPAN GRANTS USD 86,5 THOUSAND TO THIEU HUNG AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE

(NNVN-Hanoi) During past time, the Government of Japan has been supporting Vietnam in priority sectors as Human Resource Development, Economic Transport Infrastructure, Electric, especially is Agriculture sector. To continue to implement the grass-roots projects in agriculture sector, Embassy of Japan has chosen 9 cooperatives in each economic area in order to implement the Japanese small scale grant assistance projects.

On December 21, 2000 in Thieu Hung Agriculture Cooperative, Thieu Hoa district, Thanh Hoa province, H.E. Mr. Ozawa, Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan and Mr. Le Huu Que, Manager of the Thieu Hoa cooperative signed grant contract for the small scale grant assistance project worth about USD 86,5 thousand to a project to build farm roads and irrigation systems in Thieu Hung Agriculture Cooperative. This project will be implemented in first 6 months of 2001. Thieu Hung cooperative is the first cooperative to receive Japanese small scale grant assistance. In the near future, 8 other cooperatives in each economic area in Vietnam will continue to receive small scale grant assistance from Government of Japan.