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Press Release

Signing of Grant Agreement

**Between the Royal Government of Cambodia and Japan International Cooperation
Agency**

Phnom Penh – 01st June 2020 the Grant Agreement of the “Project for the Expansion of Water Supply System in Ta Khmau City” with the total amount of JPY 3,421 million (approx. USD 32 million) was signed by H.E. Dr. AUN Pornmoniroth, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance and Mr. SUGANO Yuichi, Chief Representative of JICA Cambodia Office.

The Grant Agreement to be signed today is another legal document after the Exchange of Note signed on 24th March 2020 between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and the Embassy of Japan in Cambodia, which could lead to a series of procedures for project implementation.

This Project aims to improve the access to safe water in Ta Khmau City through the construction of (1) water supply facility with the treatment capacity of 30,000 m³ per day (2) intake and raw water transmission facilities (3) distribution facilities and (4) SCADA system as well as technical transfer through operation and maintenance with Japanese knowledge and experience. It is crucial to note that the clean water which is currently supplied to Ta Khmau city is mainly distributed from Phnom Penh. Therefore, this water supply expansion project will contribute not only to improve the water supply services in Ta Khmau City and the surrounding areas but also to reduce the competing demand of water supply in Phnom Penh as well. The physical construction of this project will take 29 months and is scheduled to be completed by 2023.

It is the 12th Grant Aid project which the Government of Japan through JICA has extended to the Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) in the water supply sector and is also

the 6th Grant Aid to support PPWSA since 1993. In addition, JICA has also provided grant assistance in the form of Technical Cooperation, Development Study and Concessional Yen Loan financing. To date, many water supply facilities have been constructed using Grant Aid and Yen Loan schemes in different provinces such as Siem Reap, Battambang, Pursat, Sihanoukville, Kampot, Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom and Phnom Penh.

As one of the largest Development Partners in the water supply sector, JICA has always taken holistic approach to support in developing the sector with long-term partnership commitment to RGC.

This project will significantly contribute to RGC to achieve its NSDP's water supply service target of 100% in urban area by 2025 through supporting PPWSA which have clearly responded to the priority need in expanding water supply system and which is aligned to the first angle of the fourth rectangle, as stated in the Rectangular Strategy Phase 4 of the RGC.

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