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Cooperation in the Cambodian Education Sector

Development Projects for the Enhancement of Education Quality



Supporting the efforts of the Royal Government of Cambodia's Ministry of Education, Youth & Sport, JICA has provided several projects through multiple mechanisms to respond to the priorities of the country's Teacher Education Reform. Through a Grant Aid (GA) project, JICA is upgrading the facilities and equipment of the recently inaugurated Teacher Education College (TEC) in Phnom Penh as well as its counterpart in Battambang. This project will establish an enabling environment through newly constructed buildings and needed modern equipment to enable teaching and learning activities, especially those for STEM.

At the same time, a Technical Cooperation (TC) Project is building the TECs' foundational capacities through the development of a four-year syllabi, the teaching materials and exams for several subjects, TEC management systems, and an overarching strategy for Teacher Qualification Upgrades. A particular focus has been placed on the capacity of TEC

faculty through the improving of educational research and curriculum development via the joint efforts of this Project and the sponsoring of master's degrees in Japanese universities through a Scholarship Program. Through these efforts, the TC project is playing an important role in laying the foundation for the new teacher education program (the "12+4 formula") in Cambodia. JICA's support is, however, not limited to GA and TC but is also seen through support to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport via the Japanese Volunteer program, training program as well as partnerships with Japanese local governments, universities, NGOs and Japanese private companies. Leveraging these projects and programs, JICA strongly believes that the quality of education and the learning achievement of students will be increased in large part through the resulting enhancement of the quality of teacher education. •

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SEWERAGE SYSTEM: AT A GLANCE

JICA Assistance for Sewerage Sector Development in Cambodia



Sewerage Treatment Plant

Lack of a proper sewerage system in Phnom Penh has been one of the key contributors to the poor state of sanitation amongst its urban areas. With the construction of the city's first wastewater treatment plant through a USD \$27 million grant from the Government of Japan, the city will be able to treat 5,000 cubic meters of wastewater each day prior to its discharge into local rivers. The construction of the plant began in May 2021 and will be completed over the subsequent 32 months. This project will also provide technical support to

strengthen the capacity of Cambodian staff to operate and maintain the wastewater treatment plant.

Along with the construction of the plant, JICA is building the capacity of officials of the Department of Public Works and Transport of the Phnom Penh Capital Administration (PPCA) and the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT) to efficiently manage sewerage through the "Project for Capacity Development in Sewerage Management of PPCA & MPWT"; a technical cooperation project.

Since April 2019, three Japanese Experts have been dispatched to strengthen sewerage management's legal and institutional frameworks over a four-year period. This assistance has been provided to protect and improve water quality and environmental sanitation, which aligns with the Royal Government of Cambodia's (RGC) first angle of the fourth rectangle of the Rectangular Strategy Phase 4.

JICA will endeavor to continue this work with the RGC to improve sewerage and improve the living conditions of people in urban areas. This will contribute to the achievement of both sustainable development goals and poverty reduction targets as the country transitions to upper-middle income country status in 2030 and successful high income status in 2050. ●

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Small and Medium-size Enterprise (SME) s' Capacity Strengthening on Financial Technology

JICA has implemented the "Financial Capacity Development for SMEs Survival and Market Development amidst the Covid-19 Pandemic" program in collaboration with Cambodian-Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC), Banh Ji FinTech, and Nuppun Research and Consulting. The program seeks to facilitate SME's access to finance and towards this end has conducted a survey on the demand and supply sides of financing in Phnom Penh, Battambang and Banteay Meanchey provinces as well as a pilot training for SMEs to build their capacity and increase their access to finance from MFIs/Banks. Under the Program, 30 SMEs received training and coaching on the usage

of FinTech software, data migration and financial record-keeping. Among the 30 participating SMEs, 13 SMEs were supported in bookkeeping and financial report preparation.

JICA and CJCC has cooperated to strengthen linkages between Cambodia and Japan, particularly relating to business networking and capacity development, enhancing the competitiveness of Cambodian industry since 2004 through the technical cooperation project (TCP). JICA will continue this cooperation to achieve its common goal. ●

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JICA IN THE MEDIA

"Japan set to sign \$180M Covid-19 crisis loan agreement in December"

Phnom Penh Post

02 December, 2021

"Official break ground for construction of new JICA-funded building for Siem Reap Provincial Hospital"

Khmer Times

08 December, 2021

"Japan supports Pursat water supply expansion project"

Khmer Times

14 December, 2021

"JICA donates PCR machines and intelligent imaging system to Kampong Cham Provincial Hospital"

Khmer Times

18 January, 2022

"Teacher training facilities upgraded in Phnom Penh"

Phnom Penh Post

08 February, 2022

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JICA'S INITIATIVE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Technical Cooperation Projects in Cambodia Health Sector



An outreach and vaccination campaign against COVID-19 for people who are living in remote areas by utilizing the motorbikes as the transportation

In response to emerging needs from the COVID-19 response, Ministry of Health (MOH) and JICA have concluded an agreement to officially launch the “Project to Strengthen Capacity of COVID-19 Response in Cambodia” on July 5th, 2021. This Project contributes to strengthen the COVID-19 vaccine deployment system and diagnostic capacity as well as the Covid-19 response’s monitoring and evaluation system by reinforcing the vaccine deployment system, developing the capacity of diagnostic tests for COVID-19 at regional laboratories and conducting assessments of the COVID-19 vaccine program.

To achieve the above objectives, JICA has provided:

- 200 cold boxes with monitoring loggers for the Central Medical

- Storage (CMS) to enhance cold chain capacity for COVID-19 vaccination;

- 540 motorbikes for health centers in provinces to facilitate vaccine delivery to remote areas;

- A set of PCR machines, laboratory supplies and reagents for the Kampong Cham Regional Laboratory to strengthen their laboratory capacity;

- A set of serology machines and reagents for the National Institute of Public Health to strengthen their laboratory capacity;

- 2 sets of Computer-Aided Diagnosis (CAD) machines for 2 provincial hospitals (Kampong Cham and Battambang) to improve their diagnosis capacity; and

- Related technical assistance.

JICA reaffirms its commitment to work with MOH to further enhance

RGC’s efforts against COVID-19 in the country under JICA’s “Initiative for Global Health and Medicine.”

JICA has concluded an agreement for the Further Technical Cooperation “Project for Strengthening In-Service Training Systems in Cambodia” on August 21, 2021, with the 5-year project being officially launched in January 2022. This Project will strengthen the in-service training systems for nurses in order to improve their competency and skills. The Project plans to develop national guidelines and a comprehensive plan for in-service nurse training and will establish a mechanism to systematically implement trainings on relevant subjects under the above mentioned guidelines and plan. ●

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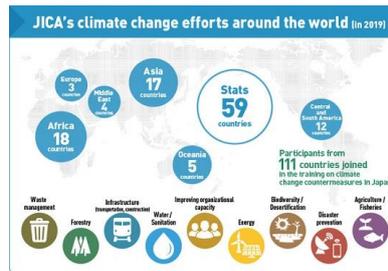
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[COP26] The Climate Crisis: Standing Together with Developing Countries

Supporting Sustainable Development in Developing Countries and Tackling Climate Change

The 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) will take place in Glasgow, UK from Oct. 31 to Nov. 12 to discuss measures to tackle climate change. Climate change is an urgent issue that threatens the livelihoods of people worldwide. It leads to more frequent and extreme natural disasters, such as droughts and heavy rainfall, and increases food security risks. Developing countries are particularly vulnerable to climate change with people's lives being at imminent risk because of a lack of climate-resilient infrastructure and insufficient measures to fight climate change. The resulting flooding and water shortages could also spark conflicts over watersheds. With a view 10 to 20 years into the future, JICA is supporting developing countries to accelerate their efforts to fight climate change.

For developing nations in the midst of national development, it is critical to take a "Co-benefits Approach," whereby development initiatives are implemented concurrent with actions to respond to climate change.



JICA's Climate Change Efforts Around the World

Across many sectors, including energy, transportation, urban development, agriculture, water, disaster risk reduction and forest conservation, JICA is undertaking measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase carbon absorption (climate mitigation) in addition to measures to counter the negative effects of climate change that are already in progress (climate adaptation).

Since the 1990s, JICA has engaged in efforts to respond to global climate change in line with the needs of

developing countries. To date, JICA has supported climate actions in over 50 countries with people from over 100 developing countries have taken part in training programs on climate change countermeasures in Japan.

In 2021, the Government of Japan declared Japan would achieve carbon-neutrality by 2050. As many developing countries also move towards the same goal, there is a need for support for this transition; reducing greenhouse gas emissions while enhancing socio-economic activities. ●

For more detail, please go through below link:

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/field/2021/20211108_01.html

Supporting Children with Special Needs and their Families in Isolation amidst COVID-19: Workshops held Connecting Thailand and Eight ASEAN Countries

In Thailand, JICA continues to support children with special needs and their families, who now face constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic through workshops mainly targeting children with autism and intellectual disabilities. Participants from eight ASEAN countries took part online, allowing children to join in the exercises from their homes. The participants commented that "this was an innovative and fun workshop," and "I enjoyed working out at home!"

In March of this year, while the world was still filled with uncertainty from the COVID-19 pandemic, JICA held

an online workshop targeting children with special needs and their families in eight ASEAN countries. The aim of the workshop was to introduce home workouts with children at home and other venues joining remotely from each country and participating in game-style exercises. The children were enthralled with the games such as throwing balls and standing on one leg, with their parents and guardians watching on with a sense of relief. ●

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