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The 50th Anniversary of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) will be held on December 7, 2015 at CJCC

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Since the first Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) were dispatched in 1965 to 5 countries, Lao PDR, Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines and Kenya, JICA has sent about 40,000 volunteers to 88 countries for 50 years. JICA held a ceremony on November 17 to mark the 50th anniversary of JOCV in Japan. It was attended by Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan, and some 4,500 former volunteers and supporters.

The dispatch of Japanese volunteers to Cambodia, once suspended due to the Cambodian civil war, has resumed again in 1992. To date, more than 600 volunteers have worked in 16 provinces and cities in Cambodia. The fields of their intervention are five main sectors - education, vocational training, health, agriculture, and tourism.

On December 07, 2015 (Mon), with the involvement from the Cambodian government, international organizations, and people related to Japan, the 50th anniversary of JOCV will be held in Cambodia, one of the first beneficiary countries of JOCV, as follows:

**Date:** December 7, 2015 (Mon) 8:00 to 12:00 (lunch 12:00 to 13:00)

**Place:** Cambodia Japan Cooperation Center (CJCC) Angkor-Kizuna Hall

**Contents:**

1st Session: Cambodian government officials, Japanese guests’ speeches

2nd Session: Current dispatched JICA volunteers, Counterparts, Former JICA volunteers’ presentations

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