Joint Press Release

Launching Ceremony for
Human Resources Development Project by Strengthening Basic IT Capabilities and Skills for Revitalization of Local Economy

Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPTC) will hold the launching ceremony for “Human Resources Development Project by Strengthening Basic IT Capabilities and Skills for Revitalization of Local Economy” and will be highly presided over by H.E. Tram Iv Tek, Minister of the MPTC on January 22, 2018, starting from 9:00 a.m., 3rd floor of conference hall at the Ministry (next to Phnom Penh City Hall).

This Project is under support of JICA Partnership Program (JPP) which is a technical cooperation program implemented by JICA. This program contributes to social and economic development of target countries at the grass-roots level in collaboration with “Partners in Japan” such as NGOs, universities, local governments, and public corporations. The implementing organizations are CIESF, an international NPO of Japan, and National Institute of Posts, Telecommunications and ICT (NIPTICT) of MPTC, Cambodia.

This Project considers contributing to revitalization of local economy of Cambodia in line with Cambodia Industrial Development Policy 2015-2025.

In implementing the Project, the following will be key pillars,
   a) Development of industry and its diversification
   b) Human resources development for industry
   c) Mitigation of overconcentration of the capital city

Currently, compared with other ASEAN nations, it is evident that lacking of practical IT training to be required by industries is surely observed in Cambodia and that there is no measurement tool to measure IT skills and knowledge of IT engineers and/or IT-engaged persons. These aspects would indicate obstacles against developing IT human resources in Cambodia.

The term of the Project is from October 2017 to September 2021 for four years and will consist of three components, i.e. IT practical training, IT promotion in rural areas and IT job creation. The main activities of the Project will be for IT practical training, consisting of the following three courses, based on ITPEC (IT Professional Examination Council) categorization:
   1) Basic course, equivalent to IP (IT Passport) exam of ITPEC
   2) Middle course, equivalent to FE (Fundamental IT Engineers) exam of ITPEC
   3) Advanced course, equivalent to AP (Applied IT Engineers) exam of ITPEC

It is expected that the Project can contribute to developing and enhancing IT human resources in Cambodia and will result in revitalizing local economy and improve life of the city and provinces such as Phnom Penh, Battambang and Svay Rieng.

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