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<u>Joint Press Release</u> Signing of Grant Agreement Between the Royal Government of Cambodia and Japan International Cooperation Agency

Phnom Penh - November 1st, 2019 the Grant Agreement Signing Ceremony for the "Project for Sewerage System Development in Phnom Penh" amounted up to 2777 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 27 million) under the Japanese Grant Aid, will be held in the presence of H.E. Dr. AUN Pornmoniroth, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Finance and Mr. SUGANO Yuichi, Chief Representative of JICA Cambodia Office, at the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

This Project aims to treat the wastewater before discharging into the river through the construction of a wastewater treatment plant with sewer pipe 2,000 m long and 500 mm diameter from Boeung Trabek pumping station, located at Cheung Aek Lake in Sangkat Cheung Aek, Khan Dangkor, Phnom Penh city. This treatment plant has the capacity of 5,000 cubic meters per day. The construction will start at the end of 2020 (approximately 32 months for construction). In addition to the construction, this Project will also provide soft technical component to strengthen the capacity of staffs in Operation and Maintenance of wastewater treatment plant as well as financial management. This is the first Grant Aid project for wastewater treatment plant in Phnom Penh city in addition to the projects for Flood Protection and Drainage Improvement in Phnom Penh Phase 1 2 3 and 4 which were also constructed under Japanese Grant Aid.

This project will contribute to the efforts of Phnom Penh Capital Administration as well as the Royal Government of Cambodia, which have clearly responded to the prioritized need in developing a sewerage system. It also supports to the protection and improvement of water quality and environmental sanitation, which is aligned to the first angle of the fourth rectangle, as stated in the Rectangular Strategy Phase 4 of the Royal Government of Cambodia.

This Grant Agreement is another legal document to be signed after the Exchange of Note has been signed on October 3, 2019 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.

Please be reminded that in this year, the Government of Japan through JICA has provided ODA with the total amount of 8,055 million Japanese Yen in equivalent to USD 77 million including grant aid with the total amount of USD 43 million and concessional loan in the total amount of USD 34 million.

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