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(2) National Road No. 5 Improvement Project (Prek Kdam - Thlea Ma’am Section) (I)

(a) Background and Necessity
Since conflict ended in 1991, progress has been made in repairing the transportation infrastructure of Cambodia with assistance from the international community, including Japan, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, but areas remain where current conditions cannot be handled, such as deterioration to stop gap repairs made after the conflict and inadequate road widths. Repairing existing roads to meet the increase in domestic and international goods transportation accompanying economic development is a priority. Serving not only as a trunk road for Cambodia but as a part of Asian Highway (AH) 1 and the Southern Economic Corridor, National Road No. 5 is expected to function as a major industrial arterial for the Mekong region. Along National Road No. 5, the Prek Kdam - Thlea Ma’am Section near Phnom Penh has a particularly large volume of traffic, the existing pavement is of poor quality, the road is flooded by rainwater and flooding of Tonle Sap, and pavement degradation is prominent, making repairs an urgent priority.

(b) Objective and Summary
This project will make repairs and other improvements to the existing main road on the Prek Kdam - Thlea Ma’am Section of National Road No. 5 which connects Phnom Penh to the Thai border, increasing the transportation capacity and efficiency in the target region, thereby promoting economic development in Cambodia.

The loan funds for this project will be allocated to the first phase consulting services, which are a part of the project expenses.

(c) Executing agency
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(d) Planned Implementation Schedule
(i) Completion of project: December 2019 – when the facilities are put into service
(ii) Issuing of letters of invitation for consulting services (including detailed design work): already sent