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CAMBODIAN NURSES' CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Project of Strengthening In-Service Training System in Cambodia



4th Joint Coordination Committee Meeting (Strings Project)

JICA has supported the health sector in Cambodia, focusing on health system strengthening to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2050. It has addressed these prioritized issues through technical cooperation projects on human resource development, as well as grant aid projects on improving healthcare by rehabilitating health facilities and upgrading medical equipment.

Currently, JICA is working closely with the Ministry of Health to implement a technical cooperation project aimed at strengthening the in-service training system for nurses, mainly in two provinces: Kampong Cham and Battambang Province. So far, the national guideline on in-service training for nurses and the curricula with eight training modules have been developed. Moreover, the 4th joint coordination committee (JCC) was conducted in April 2024 to update the current progress and the next six months of the projects.

The project not only focuses on training the core trainers based on modules but also works on establishing a monitoring system for the operation of the in-service training and creating an E-learning platform to prioritize the implementation of new training courses in pilot provinces. Additionally, in

July 2024, the project will conduct the second country-focused training on continuing professional development (CPD) in Japan to acquire the necessary knowledge to strengthen the in-service training system for nurses following the first training in 2023.



4th JCC Meeting activity (Strings Project)

With these trainings and activities in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and related stakeholders, the health system and nursing knowledge capacity in Cambodia will be improved. ●

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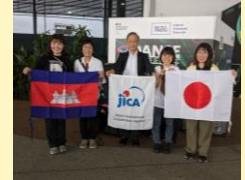
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Landmines: From Negative Legacy to National Asset



Workshop opening with African delegates

Thirty years ago, no one would have imagined that such a day would come. UNTAC, established in 1991, finished its work in Cambodia in 1992, and the Cambodia government took over responsibility for addressing the landmine problem, which had a serious impact on people's lives.

At that time, everyone thought it would take a century to clear all the landmines in Cambodia.

However, as of 2024, Cambodia is on the verge of completing the clearance of anti-personnel mines in just a few more years. Moreover, the country has reached a point where it is sharing the

experience gained through its work with other mine-affected countries. JICA has been supporting Cambodia's efforts. JICA has been supporting Cambodia's efforts.

This first such effort began in 2010 when JICA's counterpart, CMAC (Cambodian Mine action Center) started sharing its expertise with other mine-affected



Ukraine delegates visiting CMAC minefield

Countries. In recent years, CMAC has provided training to countries such as Colombia, Laos, and Ukraine. Additionally, CMAC is currently collaborating with African countries like Ethiopia, South Sudan, Somalia, and Nigeria, as well as with its neighbor, Vietnam, to prepare for further cooperation. More and more countries around the world are keenly interested in Cambodia's expertise and human resources.

Land mines and UXOs (unexploded ordnance) have long been viewed as a negative legacy for Cambodia. However, the consistent efforts by the Cambodian people in combating them have accumulated as an asset that Cambodia should be proud of. These assets contribute to the global mine action community's struggle against landmine and UXO problems Japan have been working closely with CMAC and hopes to continue supporting these efforts.

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JICA IN THE MEDIA

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<https://www.khmer-timeskh.com/501471415/ministry-of-industry-unveils-more-than-30-million-water-supply-project-in-svay-rieng/>

The Khmer Times
14 April 2024

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<https://www.khmer-timeskh.com/501475503/pm-thanks-the-government-and-people-of-japan-for-their-support-of-the-health-sector-in-cambodia/>

The Khmer Times
20 April 2024

JAPAN-CAMBODIA RELATIONSHIP VIA JICA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

JOCVs are Strengthening Friendship Between Japanese and Cambodian

Japan Oversea Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) are Japanese people who are volunteering to work around the world to share their skills, knowledge, and experiences technically and culturally with local people at the grass-root level. The first batch of 4JOCVs dispatched to Cambodia in 1966, and since then more than 800 JOCVs have been working for Cambodia in different parts of the country with a variety of technical fields. In mid-May, 5 volunteers were dispatched to Koh Kong, Siem Reap, Banteay Meanchey, Svay Rieng and Phnom Penh in their specialties such as Early

Childhood Education, Primary Education, Nursing Management and Total Quality Management. The JOCVs are not only contributing to the development of Cambodia but also interacting and exchanging their view, attitude, and culture that tremendously impact the living way of Cambodian people, which is the foundation where both countries have built a bond with healthy relationship for more than half a century. The JOCVs activity is one of the main catalysts for a better, deeper and long-lasting people to people connection, strengthening the friendship between the two countries.

JOCVs Section, JICA Cambodia Office

"Five JICA volunteers arrive in Cambodia"

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The Khmer Times
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JICA'S SUPPORT FOR IMPROVING TEACHER EDUCATION IN CAMBODIA Page 3

New project at Teacher Education Colleges "S-TEC" has just launched



Lecturers and teachers attended the initial technical meeting at PTEC (March 2024)

As Cambodia pushes towards its goal of becoming an upper-middle-income country by 2030, human resource development is one of its major priorities. The Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports (MoEYS) of Cambodia has been promoting teacher reforms to improve students' learning performance. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has continuously supported teacher training in Cambodia, one of which was establishing the Teacher Education Colleges (TECs), the first higher education institutes to provide a bachelor's degree (BA) in education for primary and lower secondary teachers. JICA has contributed to this effort through Japanese grant aid and technical cooperation from 2017 to 2022. A significant achievement of the project is the successful graduation of the first and second batches of student teachers from the 2 TECs, who are currently providing quality

teaching at target schools in various provinces.

As an extension of this support, JICA launched "the Project for Strengthening Teacher Education Colleges for Basic Education Quality (S-TEC)" in March 2024. The project's vision is to promote "learning with happiness" across Cambodian public schools by enhancing teaching quality at TECs and their attached schools over three years. The S-TEC project focuses on creating a sustainable cycle for enhancing primary and lower secondary education at



Class observation at primary school by TEC lecturers and professors from Japan

Phnom Penh and Battambang Teacher Education Colleges (PTEC and BTEC). To achieve these goals, S-TEC targets math and science lecturers at TECs and teachers in attached schools.

The project began with technical meetings with the lecturers and teachers to understand the project outline, objectives, activities, and gather baseline data on subject knowledge and teaching methods. Additionally, S-TEC is facilitating a training program in Japan for lecturers and teachers scheduled for late September and mid-October. This program emphasizes lesson observation, lesson study, and teaching methods. By building on the experiences of previous projects, S-TEC aims to continually improve teaching and learning, ultimately producing a new generation of teachers. ●

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JICA'S FIRST KNOWLEDGE CO-CREATION PROGRAM ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN

JICA conducted its first Knowledge Co-Creation Program on business and human rights for 8 government officers and judges from 7 developing countries who are responsible for formulating and implementing national human rights policies.

Supervised by Miwa Yamada, Director-General of Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, IDE-JETRO, the program was implemented in cooperation with the Japanese government (Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, and, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry), Keidanren (Japan Business Federation) and the Japanese private sector, and civil society (Business and Human Rights Lawyers Network Japan, General Support Union of Individual Affiliates, JPMIRAI). The participants said they learned the importance of inter-ministerial coordination and multi-stakeholder consultations, initial action by the government, leadership

of top management, and education to eliminate discrimination against victims. In particular, some of the participants commented that the visit to Minamata City strongly impressed them, as they learned about the social structure behind Minamata disease and heard directly from various stakeholders in government, business, and civil society. The Japanese lecturers also commented that they found the information on the various initiatives presented by the participants useful, which provided an opportunity for mutual learning.



Group Photo

Training period: January 14, 2024 to January 27, 2024, Participating countries: 7 countries (Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Mexico, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand). Number of participants: 8 (National Human Rights Commission, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health, judges, etc.) ●

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SIGNING OF A LOAN AGREEMENT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF E-BUSES TO BANGKOK PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THAILAND (PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT FINANCE)

Contributing to the reduction of air pollution and improvement of the urban environment in the capital Bangkok

On December 12, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a loan agreement with Energy Absolute Public Company Limited (EA) in the Kingdom of Thailand for Private Sector Investment Finance to fund the introduction of electric buses (E-buses) to Bangkok public transport system. The loan is co-financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Export-Import Bank of Thailand and will be implemented through the "Facility for Accelerating Climate Change Resilient and Sustainable Society: ACCESS."

Transportation in Bangkok is largely dependent on diesel public buses and gasoline vehicles, and consequently, urban environmental issues such as air pollution are becoming more serious every year. In particular, many of

the approximately 3,500 vehicles currently owned by the Bangkok Mass Rapid Transit Authority, which operates the public bus service in Bangkok, are older diesel-powered vehicles with poor fuel efficiency and high CO₂ emissions, contributing to the serious air pollution described above. ●



The E-bus to be introduced

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