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PROJECT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED URBAN TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT MECHANISM

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Integrated Urban Transport Management Mechanism in Phnom Penh



The 3rd JCC meeting

Phnom Penh is advancing a strategic initiative, supported by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), to strengthen the capacity for comprehensive urban transport planning and management. The project promotes the development of a transport system that supports a sustainable urban environment and responds to the city's evolving mobility needs.

A central component of the initiative is the updating of the Phnom Penh Urban Transport Master Plan (PPUTMP), targeting the year 2050. The revised master plan will serve as a long-term framework for guiding infrastructure development, policy coordination, and investment prioritization. The target area includes Phnom Penh Capital City and surrounding zones in Kandal Province, notably Ta Khmau City, Arey Ksat City, and the new airport access corridor.

The project is structured around three key outputs. First, under the leadership of Phnom Penh Capital Administration (PPCA), the PPUTMP is being updated through a process of inter-agency consultation, technical review, and consensus building. Second,

among other pilot project candidates, two pilot projects—Paratransit Management and Bus Priority Signal—have been selected to enhance the capacity for implementing cross-sectoral transport measures. Third, efforts are underway to strengthen the organizational structure for public transportation management and operation, including the exploration of governance frameworks and institutional reform.

In addition, officials from PPCA, the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT), the Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction (MLMUPC), Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), and the Department of Public Works and Transport (DPWT) participated in training programs in Vietnam (June 2025) and Japan (August 2025). These programs provided practical insights into urban railway development, transport governance, and gender-inclusive planning, which have been reflected in action plans and technical discussions.

Implementation of the project is led by PPCA, in coordination with MPWT, MLMUPC, DPWT, and other relevant agencies. Through steady progress and collaborative engagement, the project is expected to contribute significantly to Phnom Penh's long-term urban resilience and mobility transformation. ●

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TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS SECTOR

Project for the Development of the Master Plan to Transform Sihanoukville Port into a Regional Port and Logistic Hub



The signing ceremony of the Record of Discussion of the Project

Phnom Penh, July 2025 – The Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MPWT), Sihanoukville Autonomous Port (PAS) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed the Record of Discussions (R/D) on the Project for the Development of the Master Plan to Transform Sihanoukville Port into a Regional Port and Logistics Hub. The purpose of this R/D is to establish a mutual agreement for the project implementation between MPWT, PAS and JICA.

Japan has been cooperating on the development of Sihanoukville Port, for both hard infrastructure and capacity development, since 1996. In 2024, the container throughput of PAS reached 1 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) for the first time in history. As Cambodia's economy continues to grow, the volume of containers handled by Sihanoukville Port has been increasing

The goal of the project is to formulate the Master Plan to transform Sihanoukville Port into a regional port and logistics hub by 2050, through the analysis of current situation and demand forecast as well as necessary capacity building. With this initiative, MPWT, PAS and JICA contribute to the enhancement of Cambodia's logistics system and support sustainable economic growth in the future. ●



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JICA PARTNERSHIP BOOSTS RURAL ROAD CONNECTIVITY IN CAMBODIA

Empowering Communities Through Resilient and Sustainable Infrastructure



Project site location

A landmark step toward sustainable development, the Royal Government of Cambodia, in partnership with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), has launched an ambitious initiative to transform rural connectivity and strengthen economic resilience in provinces surrounding National Road No. 5.

The JICA-funded Rural Road Connectivity Improvement Project aims to enhance accessibility for rural communities, ensuring that people can travel safely and conveniently to markets, schools, healthcare centers, and essential public services—all year round. More than just building roads, this initiative represents a shared vision for inclusive growth, poverty reduction, and climate-resilient infrastructure across Cambodia.

Covering 39 rural roads with a total length of 515 kilometers, the project spans four key provinces—Kampong Chhnang, Pursat, Battambang, and Banteay Meanchey. Each upgraded road will feature a Double Bituminous Surface Treatment (DBST) and concrete pavement with an 8-meter total width, including 1-meter shoulders on

both sides to improve safety and allow smooth traffic flow.

With a total investment of 23,692 million Japanese Yen (MJPY), this project showcases the strong and enduring friendship between Cambodia and Japan. Through JICA's technical expertise and Cambodia's commitment to sustainable development, the project embodies a powerful example of international cooperation that directly benefits local communities. The improved rural roads are expected to bring transformative benefits such as shorter travel times and lower transport costs, making daily commutes safer and more affordable; enhanced access to education and healthcare, giving children and families better opportunities for learning and well-being; and expanded economic



Project site visit by JICA and MRD

opportunities for farmers and small entrepreneurs, who will be able to transport goods more efficiently and connect with broader markets. Importantly, the project emphasizes climate resilience through reinforced drainage systems, improved road foundations, and durable pavement structures. These features will help protect communities from flooding and other climate-related impacts, ensuring the sustainability of rural infrastructure for future generations.

Beyond the physical construction, the Rural Road Connectivity Improvement Project represents a commitment to people-centered development. By empowering rural populations with safer, more reliable roads, Cambodia moves closer to achieving its national goals of reducing poverty, promoting equitable growth, and enhancing regional integration. ●

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PRESIDENT TANAKA VISITS CAMBODIA, LAOS, AND THAILAND

JICA President Akihiko Tanaka visited three countries: the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and the Kingdom of Thailand from October 11 to 18. President Tanaka attended the 60th anniversary ceremony of the JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and inspected JICA's cooperation projects, confirming the results of cooperation so far, as well as challenges and prospects for future development. The outline of each JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteers 60th Anniversary Ceremony is as follows.



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Chairman Tanaka's speech

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At the ceremony, President Tanaka expressed his gratitude for the cooperation of the officials of the two countries under the theme of "Connecting Thoughts without Stopping Steps" and expressed his hope that the Cooperation Volunteers project will help solve Cambodia's problems in the future. In Cambodia, which has a history of civil war, 840

members have been active in the fields of education, industrial human resource development, and health, and have contributed to the development of Cambodia. The ceremony was attended by about 200 members of the dispatched team and officials from Cambodia, and the members presented their activities and exhibited them. President Tanaka and other officials looked back on the years of building relationships between people and shared their thoughts on deepening the relationship of trust between Japan and Cambodia in the future. ●

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SIGNING OF JAPANESE ODA LOAN AGREEMENT WITH CAMBODIA

Contributing to Economic Growth through the Improvement of Water Supply and Power Transmission Networks

On October 13, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed loan agreements with the Royal Government of Cambodia in the capital city Phnom Penh, to provide Japanese ODA loan for the following two projects.

The signatures were exchanged between Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance Aun Pornmoniroth of the Royal Government of Cambodia and JICA President Tanaka Akihiko. ●



Signing Ceremony

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