

Press Release

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1. Although Japan's economic and financial situation is still not in good shape, and its global ODA budget is in decrease, it is Japan's policy to support the economic and social development of Cambodia as its stability and development is essential for peace and prosperity of East Asia. As we also attach importance to our good relations with ASEAN, and as we recognize that the development of Mekong Region which has a great potential for economic development contributes to rectify the regional gaps within ASEAN countries and to promote the integration of ASEAN, we will pro-actively assist the development of Mekong Region including Cambodia.
2. Based upon these considerations, **Japan's contribution for this fiscal year, that is from April 2004 to March 2005, is estimated to be more than 13.5 billion Japanese Yen (123million USD)**. Its break down would be around 3 billion JY of Loan, around 6.3 billion JY of Grant Aid, around 3.8 billion JY of Technical Cooperation and 0.4 billion JY of contribution through International Organizations. As for Yen Loan project pledged at the recent ASEAN Summit in Laos by the Prime Minister Koizumi, it is conditional upon Cambodia's effort for the reform of the telecommunication sector.
3. For the previous fiscal years from April 2003 to March 2004, Japan's contribution was more than 14.3 billion JY (130 million USD) and from April 2002 to March 2003, more than 14 billion JY, which was the result of implementation of its pledge at the last CG meeting in 2002 of 14 billion JY.
4. Japan will implement steadily the assistance initiative, initiative announced by the Prime Minister Koizumi at the ASEAN Summit held in Tokyo December 2003, the initiative for the development of the Mekong Region including Cambodia which commits total of 1.5 billion USD in three years that is until year 2006. Japan is very much aware of our role as a leading donor for more than a decade now since the time of making peace and reconciliation stage.
5. Therefore, for Japan's assistance to Cambodia in next fiscal year starting from April 2005 and ending March 2006, Japan will continue to actively assist Cambodia taking into consideration of its past records and by those projects which will be formulated through its policy dialogue with the Royal Government of Cambodia. We hope that the Royal Government of Cambodia will on its part strengthen its resolve to pursue reform efforts as stated in the rectangular strategy and translate it into action and change the situation on the ground.

Japan's Contribution to Cambodia (April 2003 - March 2004)

	In Japanese Yen
I Grant	
Proj. for Expansion of Phum Prek Water Treatment Plant (Term III)	327,000,000
Proj. for Rehabilitation of National Road No. 7 Kompong Cham (Term II)	494,000,000
Proj. for Expansion of Electricity Supply Facilities in Siem Reap (Term II)	1,551,000,000
Project for Flood Protection and Drainage Improvement in the Municipality of Phnom Penh	1,322,000,000
Proj. for Rural Drinking Water Supply in Peri-Urban of Phnom Penh City (Phase II)	442,000,000
Human Resource Development Scholarship	57,000,000
Project for Infectious Diseases Control	395,000,000
Proj. for Human Resource Development Scholarship	153,000,000
D/D Proj. for Improvement of Water Supply System in Siem Reap Town	74,000,000
Food Assistance through WFP	800,000,000
Grass-roots Grant Aid through Japanese NGOs	10,000,000
Cultural Grant Aid	2,000,000
Grass-roots Grant Aid (45 projects)	622,000,000
Sub-total	6,249,000,000
II Yen Loan	
Sihanoukville Port Urgent Expansion Project	4,313,000,000
III Technical Cooperation	3,755,000,000
Grand Total in Japanese Yen	14,317 million Yen
Grand Total in US Dollars	130 million US\$ (1US\$=110JY)

Japan's Contribution to Cambodia (April 2004 – March 2005)(Estimate)

I Grant	In Japanese Yen
Proj. for Improvement of Water Supply in Siem Reap Town	606,000,000
Proj. for Human Resource Development Scholarship	222,000,000
Proj. for Construction of Primary Schools in Phnom Penh	509,000,000
Proj. for Construction of Cambodia-Japan Cooperation Center	409,000,000
Proj. for Improvement of Equipment for Demining Activities (Phase IV)	1,761,000,000
Proj. for Renovation of Technical School for Medical Care	774,000,000
Proj. for Infectious Disease Control	232,000,000
Proj. for the Upgrading and Extension of Electricity Supply Facilities in Phnom Penh	359,000,000
Proj. for Rehabilitation of Bridges along the Main Trunk Roads	152,000,000
Non-Project Grant Aid	500,000,000
Proj. for Rehabilitation of the Kandal Stung Irrigation System	Amount to be decided
Peace Building and Comprehensive Small Arms Management Programme in Cambodia	Amount to be decided
Grass-roots Grant Aid	Amount to be decided
 Sub-Total	 6,333,000,000+a (Estimate)
 II Yen Loan	
Greater Mekong Telecommunications Backbone Network Project (Cambodia Growth Corridor)	3,029,000,000
 III Technical Cooperation	 3,800,000,000 (Estimate)
 IV Contribution through International Organizations	
Contribution to CMAC through UNDP	46,000,000
Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction through ADB	316,000,000
Japan Trust Fund through UNESCO	46,000,000
 Sub-total	 408,000,000
 Grand Total n Japanese Yen	 13,500 million Yen + a (Estimate)
 Grand Total in US\$	 123 million US\$ + a (Estimate)