

## Signing of a Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with the Kingdom of Cambodia –Water Supply Improvement to Contribute to the Development of the City of Tourism–

Today, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a Japanese ODA loan agreement with the Royal Government of Cambodia in the capital city of Phnom Penh to provide a loan of up to 7,161 million yen to assist the country's Siem Reap Water Supply Expansion Project.

Siem Reap city is the third largest city in Cambodia, where the world heritages of Angkor Wat are located. The number of tourists visiting the city is growing rapidly and the city is undergoing urbanization. The objective of the Project is to ensure water supply through expanding the water supply system, thereby contributing to improve the living environment in Siem Reap city and to promote the tourism industry in the region. The funds from this Japanese ODA loan will be allocated to civil works and consulting services (detailed design, tender assistance and human resources development, etc.).

The civil war of Cambodia which ended in early '90s has destroyed the water supply facilities in the country and the services to provide safe water faced a severe degradation. After the civil war, a number of donors including Japan have cooperated in order to improve the water supply services, especially in the capital of Phnom Penh. In other areas including Siem Reap city, however, the water supply services continue to face a number of difficulties.

The demand of Siem Reap city for safe water has been growing rapidly in recent years with the fast growing population and as well as the rapid growth of the number of tourists visiting the world heritages of Angkor Wat. Existing water treatment plants have not been able to meet the demands, and the city's water service level is one of the worst among the country's major cities; therefore the improvement of water supply facilities is urgently needed.

With the cooperation of Japanese municipal governments JICA has previously supported the improvement of water works around Phnom Penh through its Grant Aid and Japanese ODA loans. It has also supported capacity development of its public water service providers through technical cooperation, contributing to the provision of safe and stable water supply services by the Phnom Penh Water Supply Authority. In this project, the Siem Reap Water Supply Authority will receive support to improve its operation and management capacity as well as to improve its facilities, to enable self-sustained water supply.

2012 is an year of particular significance for Cambodia as it takes the chair of ASEAN. Also with the ASEAN integration is scheduled for 2015. For smooth integration, Cambodia is required to catch up with the more developed members of ASEAN in a number of areas including provision of safe water supply. The project to support the water supply improvement of Siem Reap city which holds the world heritages of Angkor Wat, an icon of Cambodia, in such a significant year to Cambodia is symbolic to the bilateral relationship between Cambodia and Japan.



H.E. Keat Chhon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance, and Mr. Yasujiro Suzuki, Chief Representative, JICA Cambodia, signed the agreement.

### Related Link

➤ [Project Map \(PDF/122KB\)](#)

## Reference

### 1. Terms and Amounts of Loan

Project title	Amount (million yen)	Annual interest rate (%)		Repayment (years)	Grace Period (years)	Procurement
		Project	Consulting services			
Siem Reap Water Supply Expansion Project	7,161	0.01	0.01	40	10	General untied

### 2. Project Summaries

#### Siem Reap Water Supply Expansion Project

##### Executing Agency

Siem Reap Water Supply Authority  
Address: Slor Kram village, Slor Kram Commune, Siem Reap District –Province, Cambodia  
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##### Planned Implementation Schedule

- (i) Completion of project: June 2018 – with the start of service of the facilities
- (ii) Issuing of letters of invitation for consulting services: May 2012
- (iii) Tender announcement of initial procurement package for international competitive bidding on project construction: October 2013  
Procurement package title: Lot 1 (intake facilities), Lot 2 (water treatment plant), Lot 3 (distribution pipes), Lot 4 (distribution pipes)