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PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Signing of the Grant Agreement on "The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS)"

On 28th June 2019 (Friday), the Grant Agreement for "The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship (**JDS**)" was successfully signed between the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Cambodia and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The Project, providing up to three hundred thirty-nine million Japanese Yen (JPY339,000,000), aims at supporting human resource development by providing opportunities for Cambodian government officials with full scholarship for graduate degrees at the Japanese Universities to pursue Master's or Doctor's Degree Courses in Japan. JDS fellows are expected to contribute to the socio-economic development, by actively engaging in policy formulation and implementation of social and economic development policies when they complete the program and return to Cambodia.

The Project started in 2000 in Cambodia. Since then, 416 scholars have received the scholarship to study in Japan under this Project and they are now working in various fields and sectors across the country. This year, we have successfully selected 24 scholars for Master's and 2 scholars for Ph.D.'s courses.

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