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Japanese Assistance for the Project to Enhance Judicial Process of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

In response to the request from the Royal Government of Cambodia, the Government of Japan has made an urgent decision to contribute **US\$200,000 (two hundred thousand US dollars)** of the counterpart fund of the Japanese Non-Project Grant Aid (NPGA) 2007 (Japan XI) to finance the Cambodian share of the trial budget as a part of the "Project to Enhance Judicial Process of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia". This contribution will be used to cover the shortfall of the Cambodian side regarding the ECCC operation cost.

Japan places a great emphasis on the progress of the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, as it believes that this process will promote peace, democracy, the rule of law and good governance in Cambodia. Japan, therefore, has been making active diplomatic efforts to realize and support the Khmer Rouge Tribunal.

Japan strongly hopes that these trials, which will render justice to the serious crimes perpetrated under the former Khmer Rouge regime, will be carried out properly and promptly without delay, as all the detained leaders of the former regime are aged persons.

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