

The Royal Government of Japan has agreed to provide 273 million Yen, approximately US\$3,370,000, in grant aid to the Royal Government of Cambodia for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Program.

The Exchange of Notes for this Japan's ODA was signed here this morning by Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation H.E. Hor Namhong and Japanese Ambassador to Cambodia H.E. Masafumi Kuroki.

On the occasion, H.E. Hor Namhong expressed deep thanks to Japan for this important grant aid, explaining that human resource development is a Cambodia's priority to develop the country.

For his part, the Japanese ambassador said the grant will give opportunity to 24 students, especially young and competent government officials to study in Japan for a two-year period.

Since 2000, 224 Cambodian students have successfully finished their studies under the JDS Program and the majority of them have been currently working in public administration for the development of Cambodia, he said.