Press Release

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Japan Supports Oral Health Service Program in Lao PDR

VIENTIANE, 17 August 2015 – The Government of Japan has been supporting an oral health service program in the Lao PDR for some time. On 17 August 2015, a grant contract was signed at the Japanese Embassy between Mr. Ryotaro SUZUKI, Chargé d'Affaires of Japan to the Lao PDR, and Mr. Toshimitsu MOCHIDA, Representative of the Organization of International Support for Dental Education (OISDE), a Japanese non-profit organization, for an oral health service program, worth 258,972 US dollars. The signing ceremony was witnessed by other officials concerned.

The project, entitled the “Establish Oral and Dental Health Services in Khammuane province and Savannakhet province for nurses, students in provincial Technical Nursing School and the staff of its health department” will be implemented by OISDE in Khammuane Province and Savannakhet Province. The grant contract signed at this time will fund activities in the first year of this three-year project.

OISDE has been engaged with an oral health service program in the Lao PDR since 2002, and established oral and dental health services to Vientiane Province this year.

This project will provide essential support to health center nurses and students of local technical nursing school, dental check up and enlightenment activities in the region. The project aims to establish oral and dental health services and help to decrease the number of cases of infectious diseases, as well as dental and mouth diseases, in the region. Furthermore, it is hoped that the project will become a beachhead to introduce oral and dental health services to all over Laos and will help to establish Laos’ own oral and dental health services.