

Press Release

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Embassy of Japan

Japan funds Livelihood Improvement Project

VIENTIANE, 3 March 2016 – The Government of Japan provided grant assistance worth 108,069 US dollars to the Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC) , a Japanese non-profit organization. This fund is to support livelihood improvement in 13 villages in Savannakhet province through the “Project for food security and livelihood improvement through sustainable agriculture and community based natural resource management(phase 3).”

The grant contract for the project was signed on 3 March 2016 at the Japanese Embassy in Vientiane, between H.E. Mr. Takeshi HIKIHARA, Ambassador of Japan to the Lao PDR, and Ms. Masahito HIRANO, Representative of JVC, with other officials and staff attending. The grant contract signed at this time will fund activities in the third year of this three-year project.

Through this project, approximately 1,500 households in 13 villages of Phin and Atsaphon Districts in Savannakhet Province, will enjoy benefits as knowledge and farming methods are shared to increase productivity of rice cultivation and risks coming from agriculture is reduced through diversification of products and an insurance mechanism. This project also aims at improving access to safe drinking water and conserving the forest.

JVC has been working in the Lao PDR mainly in agriculture and rural development since 1989. It initiated similar projects in 17 villages in the same Province from 2008 to 2010, and this is the second phase to cover the remaining 13 villages.

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