

# **Sasakawa Pan Asia Fund, Sasakawa Peace Foundation**

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## **Press Release**

### **Six Cambodian Parliamentarians**

### **To Visit Japan to Inspect Utsunomiya University, JA Utsunomiya, Focusing on Agricultural Development**

Sasakawa Pan Asia Fund of Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) has invited 6 nonpartisan parliamentarians from Cambodia to visit Japan from Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. During their visit, the delegate will meet with Japanese Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Japanese parliamentarians from ruling and opposition parties. In addition, the delegate will deepen their understanding on the history of agricultural development, and rice crop technology development in Japan. To contribute to the development of agriculture in the future, the delegate will inspect agricultural fields at the Faculty of Agriculture of Utsunomiya University, JA (Japan Agriculture Cooperatives) Utsunomiya, and ARI (Asian Rural Institute), etc, from Aug 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>.

The following are the parliamentarians to visit Japan.

1. **H.E. Mr. AI Khan** – Parliamentarian and delegate leader (Cambodian People's Party)
2. **H.E. Mr. LY Narun** – Parliamentarian and delegate vice-leader (Cambodian People's Party)
3. **H.E. Mr. SUK Sam Eng** – Parliamentarian (Cambodian People's Party)
4. **H.E. Ms. DUONG Vanna** – Parliamentarian (Cambodian People's Party)
5. **H.E. Ms. EM Ponna** – Parliamentarian (Cambodian People's Party)
6. **H.E. Mr. CHEAM Channy** – Parliamentarian (Sam Rainsy Party)

This invitation, targeting young parliamentarians, who are the backbone of Asia countries and have rarely visited Japan, is part of “the exchange program with parliamentarians from Asia countries” to provide opportunities for them to attend short-term courses on specific themes, and to exchange with people concerned from political and official worlds in Japan. Since 2000, Sasakawa Peace Foundation has invited a total of nearly 50 parliamentarians from Cambodia to visit Japan.

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*Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF), standing on the global viewpoint, is a foundation which supports civil sector who contributes to international public welfare. Sasakawa Pan Asia Fund is a fund of the SPF which fosters international understanding and exchange, and human resources development, aiming to contribute to the stability and prosperity, and regional integration in Asia.*

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