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Approval by mail: Cambodia: Climate Resilient Rural Infrastructure in Kampong Cham Province (as part of the Cambodia: Rural Roads Improvement Project II) (PPCR) (ADB) – Comments from Japan

We utmost appreciate the elaboration by the ADB for this useful proposal. In general, we have no major oppositions for this project and hope this project helps in enhancing climate resilience particularly in the rural parts of Cambodia. With apologies comments at last minutes, but we would like to submit three comments/queries on this project as below. We would be grateful for your clarification prior to the approval.

Comment:

First, we recognize that this project will improve not only the adaptability in the rural area vulnerable to climate change but also the capacity of executing agencies of this project. We would like to see practice and lessons learned from this project will be fully disseminated and shared so that it can be utilized to possible future projects in similar areas of other Asian countries.

Clarifications:

Second, we share the importance of embedding “climate resilience” into infrastructure investments in rural area that is vulnerable to climate change. In converting highly vulnerable rural roads to “climate resilient paved condition”, we would appreciate it if you could elaborate us what methods or technics would be employed for this project.

Finally, we noticed that the flood hazard risk index in page 6 of the supplementary appendix 15 helps to figure out the vulnerability to droughts and floods in the rural areas in the country. We are also interested in the applicability of these technics and methods to other potential projects particularly in rural areas that are vulnerable to drought and floods in Asian developing countries.

We would much appreciate your clarification.

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