

Japan gives to boost mother and child health in Khammuan

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The Japanese agency International Support and Partnership for Health (ISAPH) has agreed to continue a project to improve the health of rural mothers and children in Khammuan province.

The third phase of the project is expected to run from January 2012 to 2014, aiming to improve mother and child health in Sibounheuang, Khamphae-Tay and Kasi zones of Xebangfay district. The project aims to increase the rate at which mothers visit health centres, including dispensaries, district hospitals and the provincial hospital.

The three-year project, with funding of about US\$260,000, also aims to lower the death rate of children by reducing the number of low-weight children and providing Vitamin B1 supplements. The agency also hopes to train medical staff on



Ms Kiyomi Hando and Dr Thonelakhanh Xaypangna shake hands after signing a project agreement.

health education skills and to promote exchanges between Lao and Japanese experts on mother and child health.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on Monday between Director of ISAPH to Laos Ms Kiyomi Hando and Khammuan provincial Health Department

Director Dr Thonelakhanh Xaypangna.

The signing was witnessed by Xebangfay district Deputy Governor Mr Khamphouth Nounanmanivanh, Acting Head of Xebangfay district Health Office Dr Xaysomvang Deththavongsack and relevant officials from both sides.

Hungary supports agricultural science in Laos

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The Hungarian government has provided a number of scholarships for Lao agricultural specialists to study postgraduate courses at universities in Hungary, so that they can help boost agricultural productivity when they return.

With an economy based predominantly on rural industry, agricultural knowledge is key to the country's development and the scholarships were granted in order to further this cause.

According to the Honorary Consul of Hungary to Laos, Hungary will provide 12 scholarships for Lao agricultural science graduates to undertake postgraduate study in the fields of agriculture and environmental protection.

The scholarship programme is being implemented through a United Nations Food and

Agriculture Organisation (FAO) programme and will be financed by the Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development.

The Master of Science degree courses are offered in English, and the students selected will begin their studies in Hungary in the 2012-2013 academic year.

The selection process begins in September 2012 and those selected will be granted scholarships to study in Hungary over a two year period.

The courses on offer include agricultural science, plant conservation, wildlife conservation and management, animal science, biotechnology, agribusiness and rural development.

The scholarship will cover the students' application and tuition fees throughout the duration of the study period, as well as textbooks, resources, dormitory accommodation

and a basic living allowance.

The candidates will be able to study at some of the top universities in Hungary such as the University of Pannonia Georgikon Faculty, the Szent István University Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the Szent István University Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Debrecen University, the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Environmental Management.

The candidates will be selected on the basis of set criteria, namely Lao citizenship, excellent school achievements, good health, motivation, English language proficiency, and age (candidates under 30 are preferred).

Applications by interested candidates should be e-mailed to the FAO at: capacity-development@fao.org by February 28.

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machinery and equipment including electronics, telecommunication components, computers and computer parts, according to a report from the Asia Arnold Foundation.

In recent Asean-US meetings, economic issues have been on the agenda alongside political and security issues and development cooperation. Areas under discussion include trade, commodities, investment cooperation, and the Alliance for Mutual Growth.

Views have also been exchanged on regional trade developments such as Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Asean Free Trade Area.

The Asean Consultative Committee on Standards and Quality and the US Department of Commerce Meeting on Standards and Related Activities began trade-related cooperation with the three-year Asean-US Action Plan (2001-2003) to address Trade-Related Standards and Conformance Issues.

The First Asean-US Informal Coordinating Mechanism Meeting was held on March 28, 2003, in Vientiane.

Asean and the US agreed to further increase cooperation