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On
Implementation of Maintenance and Restoration of Rural Dirt Roads

Rural dirt roads include roads, bridges and culverts, which are like the most important economic blood vessel and gateway for farmers to open to communicate both in economic and social sectors and in other sectors with other environments in the Kingdom of Cambodia; in particular, it has made an important contribution to poverty reduction in rural areas. Therefore, the Royal Government believes that the maintenance of dirt roads is very important in national development as the roads restored have been allowed for use but there is no maintenance of the road so the road has gradually lost its shape and will completely lose its shape.

With reference to the above grounds the Royal Government has so far observed that the maintenance and restoration of dirt roads in rural areas has not seriously been taken into account so the communication between the production locality and the market is a problem.

In order to promote the program of maintenance and restoration of dirt roads in rural areas throughout the country goes effectively, the Royal Government has approved the determination of a number of strategic policies and measures as follows:

- 1- Determine the national budget for the restoration and maintenance of dirt roads in rural areas throughout the country by annually determining the Law on Finance and some budget to contribute to the restoration and maintenance of rural dirt roads in accordance with the technical standards from three to four percent of the construction price of a newly built dirt road.
- 2- Appeal to and cooperate with international organizations, nongovernmental organizations and other friend countries to help

provide funds and materials for the program of maintenance and restoration of rural dirt roads.

- 3- All levels of territorial authorities shall make efforts to create movement of bonzes and people in the local community to contribute their labor, saving funds or rice as the source of capital in order to restore and maintain the road in their villages and communes. This savings fund is money that the community in the locality keeps for its use.
- 4- Using dirt roads by means of transport vehicle to operate business activity shall be obliged to help provide budget or materials (soil, laterites), etc, in order to contribute to the maintenance of rural dirt road and help reduce national budget that is currently in shortage.
- 5- The Ministry of Rural Development shall lead the provincial/municipal Departments of Rural Development and closely cooperate with the territorial authorities of all localities to conduct joint examination and discussion in order that the dirt road contractors of the local communities continue the restoration and maintenance of dirt roads.
- 6- Assign duties to the Ministry of Rural Development and the Ministry of Public Works and Transport to give further detailed instructions about technical standard and contract on maintenance and repair of rural dirt roads and prepare programs to educate inspire people, rural dirt road users and vendors to be aware of and to contribute to the maintenance and protection in all circumstances of damage to local dirt roads.
- 7- The Ministry of Rural Development and the Provincial/Municipal Committees for Rural Development shall have duty to inspect and monitor the implementation of project on maintenance and repair of dirt roads throughout the country in a thorough manner, including:
 - 1- Regular maintenance;
 - 2- Periodic maintenance;
 - 3- Urgent repair as per the actual circumstances.

Then report the outcomes to the Royal Government as per the actual circumstances.

The Royal Government firmly hopes and believes that all ministries and institutions relevant to the provincial/municipal authorities, nongovernmental organizations, national organizations, companies, generous persons, people from all walks of life will help promote and actively support as well as to promote the spirit of effective implementation of this circular.

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Prime Minister

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