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Japan Pledges US\$2.9 million to ECCC

The Japanese government has pledged US\$2.925 million for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia as the court's second case concerning three Khmer Rouge leaders went on trial last week.

In its announcement of the new pledge, the Embassy of Japan stated that the contribution will be made to the international component of the ECCC in order to "support the judicial process of the Khmer Rouge tribunal" just as the first trial of Case 002 is beginning, with the appeal judgment of the first case scheduled for 3 February next year.

Japan is the single largest donor to the court and has so far donated a total of US\$70.57 million, nearly half of the total budget.

"We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the Government of Japan for its continued, consistent and significant support for the ECCC at a time when the court moves forward with the opening of the second trial," said Acting Director of Administration Tony Kranh and Deputy Director Knut Rosandhaug. "This generosity and continuous support is essential for the court to successfully complete its mandate"

The pledge is expected to be disbursed shortly.

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