

# 2024 Project Activity Report



(January 2024 to March 2024)

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(Cover photo: Photo taken at the on-site meeting)

## 1 . Project status (January to March 2024 activities)

### (1) Meeting with the community in February

On February 21, 2024, we exchanged opinions with ecovillage residents regarding local issues and areas for improvement. Approximately 20 local farmers gathered and received suggestions regarding tree-planting activities in 2024, issues in agricultural practices, and things they would like to see improved.

- ① There was a desire to actively participate in tree-planting activities.
- ② In addition to planting trees in eco-parks, each household also expressed a desire to plant trees in their gardens.
- ③ Regarding the maintenance and management of seedlings after planting, it was proposed that the costs of fertilization, watering, etc. could be carried out on a regular basis.
- ④ Regarding agriculture, greenhouse farming, net greenhouse farming, etc. were continuously proposed.

After the meeting, it was decided to create a list of people who would like to participate in the tree-planting activity. Looking ahead, we have decided to discuss this issue with the Japanese Embassy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Japanese Government, and other organizations, and consider this issue to be incorporated into support projects.



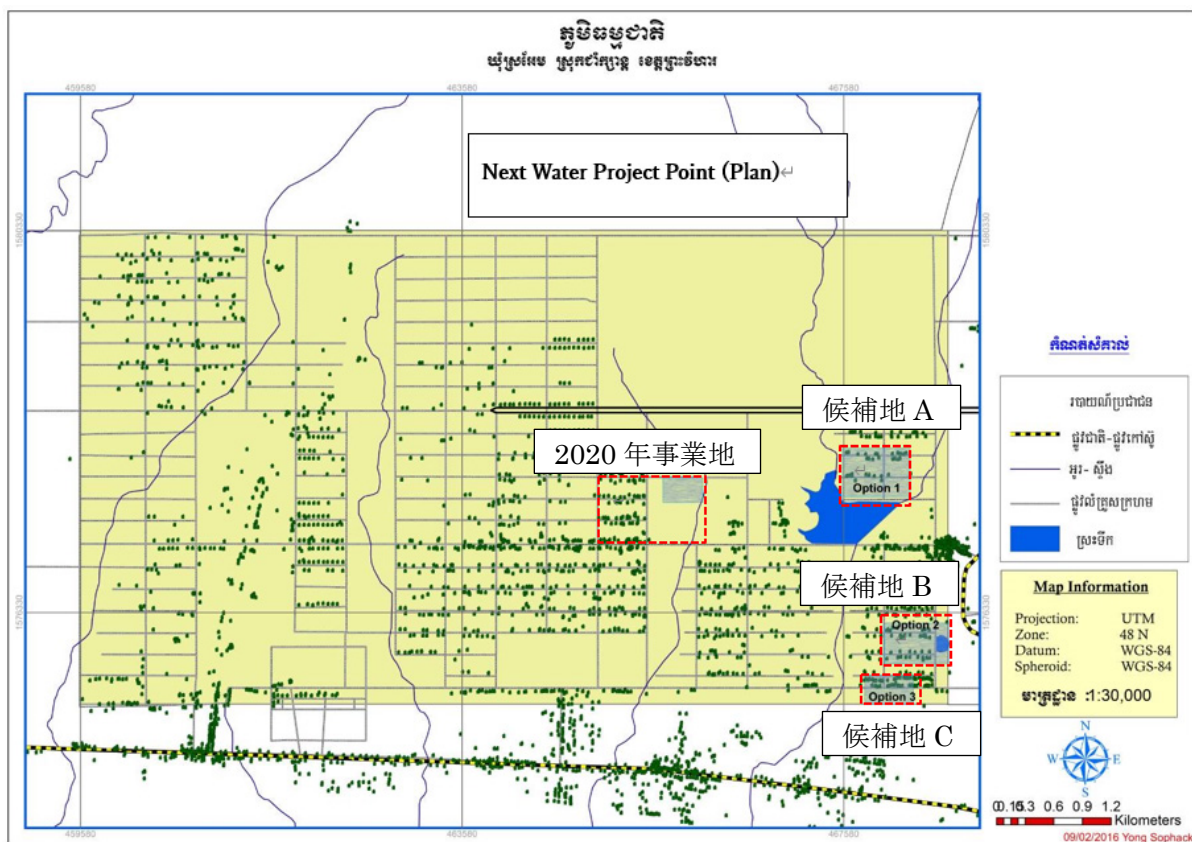
(2) Regarding the next Japanese government subsidized project site

On February 22nd, we surveyed candidate sites for securing agricultural water as a project supported by the Japanese government.

We have identified three main candidate locations and will consider the possibilities of each in the future.

Based on the results of the study, we decided to discuss with the Japanese Embassy and create a detailed project plan that will be proposed to the Japanese government NGO collaboration project.

① Candidate location map



② Site A

Located on the north side of a large local reservoir, it is possible to utilize pumped water from the river that flows into the reservoir. Currently, even if there is a reservoir nearby, it is difficult to pump up the stored water and there is not an adequate water supply. If water can be secured, agricultural production can be expected to increase.

There are more than 10 farms producing in the vicinity.



Terminal river of existing Large Pond



Surrounding cultivated fields (drip irrigation)



Surrounding field land



Surrounding farms

### ③ Site B

There is a natural reservoir, and it is possible to use the topography to develop it as a reservoir, pump water, and distribute it to the neighborhood. The expected number of beneficiary farmers is 20-40. Many small and medium-sized rivers flow into the area as natural reservoirs, making it possible to secure water throughout the year. For this reason, if water for pumps can be created to distribute water to interest rates, it seems possible to secure a sufficient amount of water supply. Furthermore, by developing the area around the natural reservoir, it will be possible to provide it as a place for local residents to relax.



Existing reservoir (plenty of water available even in the dry season)



Existing reservoir (plenty of water available even in the dry season)



Approximately 100m from the reservoir area



Surrounding farmers use existing wells

#### ④ Site C

The area is located at the southernmost tip of the ecovillage area, and is at a slightly higher altitude than its neighbors, making it difficult to supply water. However, there are a large number of farmers, and if the water issue can be resolved, agricultural production can be expected to increase. The number of beneficiary farmers will be around 20-30.



Based on the above survey results, the first candidate city site A has been selected, and by adding the number of farmers around the area, it is expected that it will be possible to supply water to 50-80 farmers.

Candidate site B has been raised as the second candidate, but by supplying water in conjunction with candidate site C, it will be possible to supply water to 60-80 farmers in the area. At the same time, by developing the area around the natural reservoir, it will become possible to create an environmental park that serves as a place for local relaxation.

We have decided to continue investigating the first and second candidate sites.

## 2. 2024 Project Plan

The following decisions have been made regarding grants from the Japanese government and Japanese companies for the 2024 project.

### (1) 2023 “Japan-China Afforestation/Tree Planting International Solidarity Project” subsidy project (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan-China Friendship Center)

Reforestation projects and related projects aimed at solving global environmental problems, including planting trees for environmental conservation and creating living environment forests (including firewood forests, fruit forests, etc. that directly contribute to the lives of local residents). The project is scheduled to be implemented over a period of one year from January to December 2024. Approximately 3,000 flowering trees will be planted in 5 hectares.

- Project name: “Environmental restoration project through afforestation in the ecovillage area of Preah Vihear”
- Implementation period: January to December 2024 (1 year)
- Activities: Planting trees, mainly flowering trees, at Eco Park. Some of the activities are in conjunction with pagoda tree-planting activities. Includes support for nursery development at NAPV.

### (2) 2022 “Japan-China Afforestation/Tree Planting International Solidarity Project” maintenance and management project subsidy

- Weeding, water supply management, and supplementary planting activities were carried out in response to tree planting activities conducted in fiscal 2022 (December 2022 to December 2023).
- Project name: “2022 Preah Vihear Ecovillage Area Afforestation Maintenance and Management Project”
- Implementation period: January to December 2024 (1 year)

( 3 ) 2024 33rd Aeon Environmental Grant Project

With the support of the Aeon Environmental Foundation, a public interest incorporated foundation, we planted 1,300 trees as part of our eco-village forest environment restoration activities to regenerate the degraded forests of the eco-village area.

- Project name: Forest environment restoration activities in the ecovillage area of Preah Vihear Province, Kingdom of Cambodia
- Collaborators: NAPV, pagoda conservation organization, elementary and junior high school teachers and students
- Activities: Joint implementation of tree-planting activities in the pagoda area, cultivation of environmental parks (implementation of tree-planting, underbrush-cutting, water supply, etc. management in flower and fruit parks), holding environmental classes jointly with schools (tree-planting, water supply, weed management, etc.) Environmental conservation and maintenance management experience through removal experience)
- Number of trees planted: 1,300
- Period: April 2024 to March 2025

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