

Govt, private sector back local skill development, work in Japan

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Almost 200 people will improve their working skills with the Japanese company Onodera User Run Laos Co., Ltd., free of charge, until the end this year, according to the company's director.

President of Onodera User Run Co., Ltd., Mr Jun Kato, told the *Vientiane Times* on Monday that since May this year the company has seen over 100 people apply to study working

skills within one month of the opening of the course.

"Thirty students were selected to study and most of them will take an examination in November to gain certification of their specified skilled in food preparation service."

Mr Kato said that next month the company will accept more applications for the second term of the course and believes that 100 more people will apply.

Onodera User Run Co.,



Japanese Ambassador to Laos, Mr Kenichi Kobayashi; President of Onodera User Run Co., Ltd., Mr Jun Kato; Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Mr Phongsaisack Intharath; and Director General of the Asia-Pacific and Africa Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Viroth Sundara, cut a ribbon.

Ltd. was established in August 2016 and has become a leading Japanese company in training and advising

workers in Myanmar, Cambodia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Laos and India. As of this month,

some 4,000 people have registered for courses with the company.

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President of Onodera User Run Co., Ltd., Mr Jun Kato (left) and Director General of the Organisation and Personnel Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Ms Anousone Khamsingsavath, display the signed Memorandum of Understanding.

"We have been able to provide 2,500 people with specified skilled and 2,300 workers have received further training while working with companies in Japan," Mr Kato said.

The company began working with the Vientiane Skills Development Centre under the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare in May this year.

On July 4, a grand opening ceremony of Onodera User Run Laos Co., Ltd. took place in Vientiane, when a Memorandum of Understanding on skill creation and delivery of Lao skilled workers to work in Japan was signed between

the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare and Onodera User Run Laos Co., Ltd.

In addition, a Memorandum of Understanding on labour skill development to produce "specified skilled workers" was signed between Onodera User Run Laos Co., Ltd. and the Vientiane Skill Development Centre.

Attending the ceremony were Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Welfare Mr Phongsaisack Intharath; Japanese Ambassador to Laos Mr Kenichi Kobayashi; Director General of the Asia-Pacific and Africa Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Viroth Sundara; Director General

of the Organisation and Personnel Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Ms Anousone Khamsingsavath; President of Onodera User Run Co., Ltd., Mr Jun Kato; Director of the Vientiane Skill Development Centre, Mr Doi Vilanam; and other important guests.

During the ceremony President Kato sincerely thanked the Lao government for its support for the scheme and expressed appreciation to all valued participants in the grand opening and signing ceremonies, opening the way for skill creation and the provision of skilled Lao nationals to work in Japan.