Japan to give 1.5 bil. yen aid to flood-hit Cambodia

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Japan has told Cambodia it plans to provide 1.51 billion yen in grants to help the country recover from damage caused by last year's torrential rains and promote disaster prevention measures.

At a meeting with visiting Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Saturday, Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda said the aid would help finance such projects as road and drainage repairs.

In their talks on how to respond to North Korea's launch of what was believed to be a long-range missile earlier this month, Noda underscored the importance of encouraging Pyongyang to take concrete actions toward denuclearization. Also, the international community needs to form a united front by implementing U.N. Security Council resolutions, he said.

Hun Sen expressed concern over North Korea's move, saying it poses a security threat.

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