



**Speech by H.E. Mr. KUROKI Masafumi,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan
To the Kingdom of Cambodia
At the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for
Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects
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- Mr. Alain FRESSANGES, EED Seconded Development Worker and Advisor of Khmer Community Development,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a pleasure for me to sign the contract of the Grant Assistance with Khmer Community Development for the renovation of Prey Chrey Primary and Secondary School.

Cambodia is experiencing robust economic growth after having overcome the civil war of over 20 years. Since 1992, the Government of Japan has been assisting the development of the Kingdom of Cambodia in various sectors. Education and human resource development is the foundation for future development and one of the four pillars of the Rectangular Strategy for national development in Cambodia. The Japanese Government has been providing assistance to the education sector both in the teachers' training and the building of schools.

The grant assistance provided today to Khmer Community Development is to renovate a concrete school building with 5 rooms and to improve the facilities such as sanitation facilities and the schoolyard for Prek Chrey Primary and Secondary School in Koh Thom district, Kandal province.

One of the problems I heard was that the children could not access to the school because of the floods in the schoolyard in the end of rainy season. This project is expected to improve the situation and benefit more than 400 students.

I hope that this project will improve the study conditions of the children at Prek Chrey School. I also hope that the students will keep the school clean and proper for themselves as well as for the children who will study at the school in the future.

Finally, I sincerely hope that this cooperation will further strengthen the friendly relations between Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you for your attention.