Speech by Mr. YONAMINE Moriyasu Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in the Kingdom of Cambodia At the Hand-Over Ceremony of Equipments Provided Under The Project for Installing Ventilators in Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap Province

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- Dr. William Housworth, Medical Executive Director of Angkor Hospital for Children.
- Dr. Ngoun Chanpheaktra, Deputy Executive Director of Angkor Hospital for Children,
- Dr. Ngeth Pises, Medical Director,
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to attend the hand-over ceremony of the project for installing ventilators in Angkor Hospital for Children, with the presence of the representatives of Angkor Hospital for Children.

First of all, I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap for holding this ceremony.

Cambodia has been making strenuous efforts for the past two decades in overcoming challenges since the Peace Accord in Paris. Likewise, in the health sector, quantity and quality of health has been improving steadily year by year. In fact, the Government of Cambodia achieved Millennium Development Goals ahead of schedule. However, compared to its neighboring countries, Cambodia medical standards is still low.

This project (\$114,314), the installation of ventilators in Angkor Hospital for Children, aims to reduce the fatality rate of children who have serious or life-threatening diseases. I hope that the new ventilators enable Angkor Hospital for Children to keep providing high-quality medical services in the region.

I strongly hope that Angkor Hospital for Children will expand the health service delivery in Siem Reap province and, consequently, many children will benefit from better medical services provided by the hospital.

Finally, I sincerely hope that the medical equipments will be maintained

properly and utilized effectively over a long period of time as a symbol of friendly relations between Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you for your attention.