

**Speech by H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji,  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan  
To the Kingdom of Cambodia  
At the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony  
for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects  
13 November, 2014**

- H.E. Mr. OUM Mara,  
Governor of Preah Vihear Province
- Mr. SAM Leangtry, Director of Preah Vihear  
Provincial Department of Public Works and Transportation
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to hold this signing ceremony of Japan's Grant Assistance for the improving drainage system and road of Sangkae Pi Commune, Chhaeb District in Preah Vihear Province.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to H.E. Mr. OUM Mara, Governor of Preah Vihear Province to attend this ceremony.

This project, which amounts to \$100,973, aims to improve the access to social infrastructure such as school, health center and market in Sangkae Pi Commune in Preah Vihear Province by installment of two culverts and rehabilitation of 4,000m laterite road. Local residents currently use floaters to cross flooded river and spend several hours to access social infrastructure in rainy season. This project is expected to improve flood management as well as safety environment in the area and to benefit nearly 1,500 people.

Transportation sector is vital for the economic and social development of Cambodia, and the Cambodian Government has continuously made efforts for the improvement in this sector.

I hope that this project for which we signed grant contract today will be implemented smoothly and effectively by our partner, Preah Vihear Province, Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport and Sangkae Pi Commune Council, and will be maintained properly so that as many local people as possible can benefit from the project.

Last but not least, I hope that the project will further strengthen the friendly relations existing between the Japanese and Cambodian peoples.

Thank you for your attention.