

**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
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- Dr. SREY Sin,
Director of Kampong Thom Provincial Department of Health
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to hold this signing ceremony of Japan's Grant Assistance to the Kampong Thom Provincial Referral Hospital.

This project, which amounts to \$82,615, is for the rehabilitation of infectious ward in Kampong Thom Provincial Referral Hospital, and aims to give patients better medical treatment in safer and more attentive environment. This project is expected to benefit nearly 660,000 people in the region.

The Government of Cambodia has made the great efforts to improve health situation. The Rectangular Strategy III and the National Strategic Development Plan give priority to improving health situation. While I congratulate Cambodia for achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the field of health, the country needs to work more for the improvement of health situation.

I hope that this project for which we signed grant contract today will be implemented smoothly and effectively by our partner, Kampong Thom Provincial Department of Health, and will be maintained properly so that as many local people as possible can benefit from the project.

Finally, I hope that the project will further strengthen the friendly relations existing between the Japanese and Cambodian peoples.

Thank you.