

Speech by Mr. YONAMINE Moriyasu  
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At the Inauguration Ceremony of Renovating Surgical Ward  
and the Handover Ceremony of the Medical Equipment  
in Pea Raing Referral Hospital in Prey Veng Province

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- Venerable Monks ,
- H.E. Prof. Seav Hourng, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Health,
- H.E. Mr. Long Thach, Vice Governor of Prey Veng Province,
- Dr.Seng Panharith, Director of Provincial Department of Health in Prey Veng Province,
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to attend the inauguration ceremony and handover ceremony in Pea Raing Referral Hospital, with the presence of H.E. Prof. Seav Hourng, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Health. First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Secretary of State and all those who attend this ceremony.

In the past two decades, Cambodia has made strenuous efforts for its reconstruction and development, and it has reached a point where its economic growth rate is one of the highest even in the fast growing ASEAN region. Also in the health sector, both the quantity and the quality have significantly improved through the cooperation between the Ministry of Health and international community.

The Government of Japan has also been continuously supporting the Government of Cambodia's effort for the improvement in healthcare through developing human resources and improving the medical care facilities.

This renovating surgical ward and medical equipments supported through Japan's Grass-Root Grant aid allow more patients to receive medical treatment in safe and attentive environment, and is expected to contribute to the health improvement in the region.

The Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association has contributed to the reduction of the rate of tubercular infection at this hospital. The Government of

Japan also supports the Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association funds for this activity.

I understand that Japan Heart, a Japanese NPO, has been assisting surgical operations at this hospital for the past five years and the synergy effects with their activities are also expected.

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

Thank you very much for your attention.