

**Speech by H.E. KUMAMARU Yuji,  
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To the Kingdom of Cambodia  
At the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects**

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- Mr. Hout Kalyan, Director of PeaRaing Operational District in PreyVeng Province,
- Mr. William Housworth, Executive Director of Angkor Hospital for Children,
- Mr. Ngoun Chanpheaktra, Deputy Director of Angkor Hospital for Children,
- Mr. Hing Samith, Director of Prey Kabas Operational District in Takeo Province,
- Ms. Laurène Leclercq, Asia Regional Director of Enfants & Developpement,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to hold a signing ceremony of four Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, which are “The Project for Renovating Surgical Ward in Pea Raing Referral Hospital in Prey Veng Province”, “The Project for Installing Ventilators in Angkor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap Province”, “The Project for Constructing Medical and Pediatrics Ward at Prey Kabas Referral Hospital in Takeo Province” and “The Project for Improving Maternal and Child Health through Strengthening Health Care Facilities in Kampong Speu Province”.

The four projects of whose contracts are signed today aim to provide local residents with quality medical services in respective project areas. I understand that the health sector is a priority for Cambodia’s development and I sincerely believe that the sector’s improvement holds a key for the future development of Cambodia as well as the enhancement of welfare for Cambodian people. I am hopeful that Japan’s support will duly contribute to these purposes.

The first grant, which amounts to \$109,214, aims to renovate a surgical ward and to instal nine surgical equipments in Pea Raing Referral Hospital in Prey Veng Province. This project is expected to enhance the quality of surgical performance of medical staff and provide a variety of surgical services to approximately 210,000 local residents.

The second grant, which amounts to \$114,314, aims to instal four new ventilators in an emergency room and an intensive care unit at the Ankor Hospital for Children in Siem Reap. This project is expected to save lives of severely sick children who are referred to the hospital.

The third grant, which amounts to \$116,120, aims to construct a medical and pediatrics ward and to instal 45 medical beds at Prey Kabas Referral Hospital in Takeo Province. This project is expected to provide quality health care at the hospital to approximately 162,000 people in Takeo Province.

The fourth grant, which amounts to \$95,801, aims to improve maternal and child health through constructing a health center and four maternity wards in five communes and providing obstetrical training to midwives at eight health facilities in Kampong Speu Province. This project is expected to enable more than 386,000 local residents to have a better access to primary health services, in particular, maternal and child health care.

The Government of Japan has been assisting the development efforts of the Cambodian people by supporting various projects. The health sector is one of Japan’s priority areas for assistance to Cambodia and the Japanese Governemnt has been actively helping the sector by constructing hospital wards and clinics and providing training courses.

I am hopeful that these projects will be implemented smoothly and maintained properly so that as many local residents as possible are able to benefit from them.

Finally, I sincerely hope that these projects will further strengthen the friendly relations existing between Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you for your attention.