

Speech by Mr. YONAMINE Moriyasu
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At the Inauguration Ceremony of the Medical and Pediatrics Ward at Prey Kabas
Referral Hospital in Takeo Province
January 9, 2015

- Venerable Monks,
- H.E. Dr. Sok Pheng, Secretary of State, Ministry of Health,
- H.E. Keav Sovanthy, Vice Governor of Takeo Province,
- Dr. Hem Sareth, Director of the Takeo Provincial Health Department,
- Dr. Nakada Eizou, Representative of the Takahashi Rotary Club,
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to attend the inauguration ceremony of the medical and pediatrics ward at Prey Kabas referral hospital, with the presence of H.E. Dr. Sok Pheng. 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.

The project is to construct the medical and pediatrics ward and install medical beds at Prey Kabas referral hospital. The number of patients at the Prey Kabas referral hospital was rapidly increasing in recent years, and as a result, its facility could not accommodate the growing needs of the local patients. The new medical and pediatrics ward, which was supported by Japan's Grass-Root Grant aid, enables more patients to receive medical treatment in a safer and more attentive environment, and thus it is expected to contribute to the improvement of the health improvement in the region.

Finally, I strongly hope that the new medical and pediatrics ward will expand further health service delivery in Takeo province and, consequently, many residents will benefit from better medical services provided by the hospital. I sincerely hope that the health center will be maintained properly and utilized effectively over a long period of time as a symbol of friendly relations between Cambodian and Japanese people.

Thank you very much for your attention.