

Speech by Mr. CHIBA Taizo
Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan
at the Inauguration Ceremony
of Improving Drainage System of Psar Prom Road, Salakrau District
in Pailin Province,
October 7, 2015

- Venerable Monks ,
- H.E. Mr. Koeut Sothea (コエウト・ソテア) , Governor of Pailin Province
- Mr. Eat Sarath (イツ・サラット), Deputy Director of Pailin Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport
- Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a great pleasure for me to attend today's ceremony for the inauguration of Improving Drainage System of Psar Prom Road, Salakrau District in Pailin Province, with the presence of H.E. Mr. Koeut Sothea, Governor of Pailin Province. First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Pailin Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport, as well as the local residents who arranged today's ceremony.

As it has been a priority of Japan's cooperation to Cambodia, and in fact, various projects to improving drainage system have been implemented in urban areas as well as in rural areas. The project to improve the 500m laterite road to concrete road in Salakrau District is completed in Pailin Province.

I understand that the construction of concrete road in Salakrau District would benefit nearly 5,600 people living in the region providing easier access to a provincial health center, schools and market. It is also expected that the project will contribute to revitalizing the local economy as well.

I sincerely hope that Pailin Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport will maintain the road in proper manner so that the local residents could benefit from it for longer period of time.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the all concerned who have contributed to the smooth implementation of the project. I strongly hope that the road will become a symbol of the friendship between the two countries and further strengthen the friendly relations between the Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you very much.