

**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. Keo Sangphalbon, Director of Bakan Operational District in Pursat,
- Dr. Hing Samith, Director of Preykabas Operational District in Takeo,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to attend a signing ceremony today for two Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, which are “The Project for Installing Medical Equipment at Bakan Referral Hospital in Pursat Province” and “The Project for Constructing Surgery Ward at Preykabas Referral Hospital in Takeo Province”.

The two projects of which contracts were 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 project, which amounts to \$83,080, aims to install five medical machines to Bakan referral hospital in Pursat Province. This project is expected to benefit approximately 160,000 local people in the region and to provide better access to better health services.

The other project, which amounts to \$90,333, aims to construct a surgery ward at Preykabas referral hospital in Takeo Province. This project will enable approximately 160,000 local people to access better health services.

The Government of Japan has been assisting the efforts of the Cambodian people and local governments by supporting various development projects. Japanese Government has been actively helping Cambodia in the health sector by constructing hospital wards and clinics and providing training courses.

I am hopeful that the two projects will be implemented smoothly and maintained properly after the completion. We hope that they will bring much benefit to local people.

Lastly, I sincerely wish that the projects will succeed in strengthening the friendly relations existing between the Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you.