

**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  
16 December, 2015**

- H.E. Dr. CHHENG Kimsun (チェイン・キムソン) ,General Director of Forestry Administration
- H.E. Mr. PICH Veasna (ペイツ・ベスナ) , Deputy Director General of Administration Affairs of Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology
- Mr. KEO Vey (キャオ・ウェイ) , Director of Pursat Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology
- Mr. CHUM Sophy (チョム・ソピイー) , Director of Prey Veng Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology
- Mr. THUNG Thirum (トゥン・ティールム) , Deputy Inspectorate of Southern Tonlesap of Forestry Administration of Pursat Cantonment
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to hold a signing ceremony today for three Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, which are “The Project for Rehabilitation of Anlong Rong (アンロン・ロン) Irrigation System in Pursat Province”, “The Project for Rehabilitation of Sdao (スダウ) Secondary Canal Irrigation System in Prey Veng Province” and “The Project for Constructing Patrol Station in Central Cardamom (カルダモン) Protected Forest in Pursat Province”.

The first project, which amounts to USD 89,775, intends to expand irrigated areas in Bakan (バカン) District, Pursat Province. Project components include rehabilitation of 2,100 m embankment, construction of intake structure, box culvert and 3 turnout structures. About 1,500 people are expected to gain a constant access to irrigation water after completion of the project.

The second project, which amounts to USD 89,423, intends to expand irrigated areas in Preah Sdach (プレアスダイ) District, Prey Veng Province. Project components include rehabilitation of 2,250 m

embankment, construction of intake structure, check structure and 2 turnout structures. About 1,000 people are expected to gain a constant access to irrigation water after completion of the project.

The third project, which amounts to \$89,050, assists the Forestry Administration of Pursat Cantonment for constructing a patrol station in Central Cardamom (カルダモン) Protected Forest in Pursat Province. With this project, the patrol station, will be built with two-storied building and 10 rooms. The patrol station will strengthen patrol activities against illegal logging. It will benefit about 5,400 households who are engaged in making their livelihood from nature products.

The Government of Japan understands the importance of irrigation and environmental sectors. It has been constantly assisting the efforts of the Cambodian people in those sectors through grass-roots human security projects.

I hope that these three projects for which we signed grant contracts today will be implemented smoothly and effectively by our partners. I hope that the facilities to be built through these projects, be maintained well so that they can benefit many local people for many years to come.

Lastly, I hope that the projects will further strengthen the friendly relations existing between the Japanese and Cambodian peoples.

**Thank you**