

**Speech by H.E. KUMAMARU Yuji,
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To the Kingdom of Cambodia
At the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for Japan's Grant Assistance for
Grass-Roots Human Security Projects
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- Dr. Hem Sareth, Director of Takeo Provincial Department of Health,
- Dr. Chhneang Sovutha, Director of Kratie Provincial Department of Health,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to hold a signing ceremony of two Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, which are “The Project for Constructing an internal Medicine Ward at Rominh Hospital Annex of Kirivong Referral Hospital in Takeo Province” and “The Project for Constructing Kampong Cham Health Center in Sambo District, Kratie 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 \$103,082, aims to construct an internal medicine ward and to install medical bed at Rominh Hospital Annex of Kirivong Referral Hospital in Takeo Province. This project is expected to benefit approximately 18,700 local people in the region and to provide better access to quality health services.

The second project, which amounts to \$89,664, aims to construct a health center in Kampong Chamn commune, Sambo district, Kratie Province. This project will enable approximately 10,000 local people to provide better access to quality health services.

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 Government has

been actively helping Cambodia in 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 they will bring benefits to as many local residents as possible.

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

Thank you for your attention.