

Speech by Mr. YONAMINE Moriyasu  
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At the Inauguration Ceremony of the Infectious Disease Ward  
at Kampong Thom Provincial Referral Hospital  
8th January, 2016

- Venerable Monks,
- H.E. Te Ku Seang, Secretary of State, Ministry of Health,
- H.E. Uth Sam On, Governor of Kampong Thom Province
- Dr. Srey Sin, Director of Kampong Thom Provincial Health Department,
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to attend the inauguration ceremony of the infectious disease ward at Kampong Thom provincial referral hospital, with the presence of H.E. Te Ku Seang. First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Secretary of State and 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, significant improvement has been made both in quantity and quality. This should be attributed to the great cooperation between the Ministry of Health and international community.

The Government of Japan has been strongly supporting the Government of Cambodia's efforts for development in all sectors, with focuses on the improvement of the medical care facilities.

The project is to construct the infectious disease ward at Kampong Thom provincial referral hospital. The number of patients at Kampong Thom provincial referral hospital has rapidly increased in recent years, and as a result, medical patients are scattered in the hospital and the infection rate is extremely high. The new infectious disease ward, which is constructed by Japan's Grass-Root Grant aid, enables more patients to receive medical treatment in 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 infectious disease ward will expand further health service delivery in Kampong Thom province and, consequently, many residents will benefit from better medical services provided by the hospital. I sincerely hope that the infectious disease ward 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.