

Speech by Mr. CHIBA Taizo
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On the occasion of the Inauguration Ceremony of The Project for Road Improvement
in Chhaeb Pi Commune, Chhaeb District, Preah Vihear Province
17 January, 2017

- Venerable Monks,
- H.E. Mr. Un Chanda, Governor of Preah Vihear Province,
- Mr. Sam Leangtry, Director of Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport,
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a great pleasure for me to attend today's ceremony, in the presence of H.E. Mr. Un Chandara, Governor of Preah Vihear, to celebrate the completion of the Project for Road Improvement in Chhaeb Pi Commune, Chhaeb District, Preah Vihear Province.

As it has been a priority of Japan's cooperation to Cambodia, various projects to improve infrastructure have been implemented in rural areas. Now, I am pleased to see the road has been significantly improved by the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects.

I understand that this improved road would benefit nearly 3,200 people living in the region. It is also expected that it will provide the local people with easier access between villages in the commune and improve their access to the main road from the villages especially in the rainy season.

I sincerely hope that Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport will maintain the road and the culvert in a proper manner so that the local residents could benefit for a long period of time.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the all people concerned who have contributed to the smooth implementation of the project. I strongly hope that this 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.