

**Speech by H.E. Mr. HORINOUCHI Hidehisa,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan
to the Kingdom of Cambodia**

**At the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for Grassroots Human Security Projects
February 13, 2017**

- Mr. Uch Hing, Director of Technical Service Center for Irrigation and Meteorology, Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology,
- Dr. Kim Sourphirun, Director, Kampong Cham Provincial Department of Health,
- Dr. Srey Sin, Director, Kampong Thom Provincial Department of Health,
- Mr. Keo Vey, Director, Pursat Provincial Department of Water Resources and Meteorology,
- Dr. Chea Eakchhay, Director, Chamkar Leu Operational District in Kampong Cham,
- Distinguished Guests, Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to hold a signing ceremony today for three grant contracts of the Grassroots Human Security Projects.

The first grant project, which amounts to \$82,180, is “The Project for Installing Medical Equipment at Chamkar Leu Referral Hospital in Kampong Cham Province.” Currently, the hospital cannot carry out surgery due to lack of equipment. This project will support installing a set of equipment including surgical and laboratory equipment. It is estimated that about 660 patients per year will become able to undergo surgeries at the hospital after the completion of the project.

The second grant project, which amounts to \$83,175, is “The Project for Constructing Emergency Ward at Stoung Referral Hospital in Kampong Thom

Province.” The new ward will establish an appropriate treatment environment for emergency care and intensive care. About 660 patients per year are expected to be treated in this new ward and 3,100 outpatients per year will also benefit from the triage service in the ward.

The third grant project, which amounts to \$82,379, is “The Project for Rehabilitation of Boeung Kanseng Irrigation System in Pursat Province.” Project components include rehabilitation of a 2,310m-long secondary canal and construction of an intake and turnout structures. About 3,300 people are expected to gain stable access to irrigation water and the irrigated agricultural land will be expanded under the rehabilitated irrigation system.

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

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

Thank you.