

Visit of H. E. Mr. Masaharu NAKAGAWA, Minister for Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan.

1. From Tuesday, January 10 to Thursday, January 12, H.E. Mr. Masaharu NAKAGAWA, Minister for Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan, visited Cambodia.

2. During his stay in Cambodia, H.E. Mr. NAKAGAWA had a meeting with H.E. Mr. IM Sethy, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport. Besides, he visited the restoration sites of Angkor Monuments in Siem Reap which have been supported by Japanese Government and Japanese Universities, an elementary school constructed by Japanese ODA and the Japanese language faculty of the Royal University of Phnom Penh.

3. At the meeting with H.E. Mr. IM Sethy, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport, H.E. Mr. NAKAGAWA expressed his hope that Cambodian students studying in Japan will be increased in the future and wished to expand mutual understanding on education, culture, sport, science and technology between the two countries. He also expressed his intention to expand stronger cooperation with Cambodia on these fields.

H.E. Mr. IM Sethy expressed sincere thanks to the Japanese government for its support on education and requested Japan' s support to improve the quality of education and to nurture the human resources in the field of technology through Japan' s experiences.

4. At the site visit to Angkor Monuments, Dr. Ishizawa, former rector of the Sofia University in Japan briefed their restoration works of the Angkor Wat temple, and Dr. Shimoda, technical advisor of JASA (Japan Apsara Safeguarding Angkor team) briefed the restoration works of the Bayon temple. In Phnom Penh, H.E. Mr. NAKAGAWA visited Toul Sanke primary school which was built through Japanese grant assistance and the Royal University of Phnom Penh where he talked with students of the Japanese Language Department.