

The Reception to celebrate the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan

H.E. Mr. Masafumi KUROKI, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia, hosted the reception to celebrate the birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan on December 12, 2012 at his residence.

H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the guest of honor, and some 380 people including the Cambodian government officials, diplomats and business people attended the reception.

At the beginning of his speech, Ambassador Kuroki extended his condolences to the Cambodian People on the passing of the late King father Norodom Sihanouk. He also introduced the important visits of the year from Japan to Cambodia such as by Crown Prince Naruhito, Prime Minister Noda and Foreign Minister Gamba. He also mentioned the visit by Prime Minister Hun Sen to Japan on the occasion of the Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting in April.

He also touch upon the fact that, the investment from Japan to Cambodia is growing rapidly in this past few years and that the number of Japanese residents in Cambodia also increased by 250 from last year to a total of 1450.



He also announced that the year 2013 marks the 60th Anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Japan and Cambodia also coincides with the 40th Anniversary of Japan-ASEAN Friendship and Cooperation saying that it will give us an important opportunity not only to celebrate the anniversary but also to look back what we have achieved together in the past and to reflect on the future course of our relations.



H.E. Mr. Hor Namhong, in his speech, expressed his appreciation to the development of bilateral cooperation between Japan and Cambodia in various fields.

In the reception, the performers of the Tsugaru Shamisen, the traditional three stringed musical instrument of Japan, performed some Japanese folk songs, which gave the Cambodian and international guests to enjoy the beauty of Japanese traditional sound.