

## *Send-off and Networking Reception for new and former scholarship students*

On March 16, the Japanese Embassy held a Send-off and Networking Reception at the Sunway Hotel in Phnom Penh for the 28 new MEXT\* scholarship students with the high presence of H.E. Mr. Im Sethy, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports.

More than 100 people participated, including the new scholarship students, former scholarship members of Japan Alumni of Cambodia (JAC) and some Japanese community members in Cambodia.

At the reception, Ambassador Kuroki gave a congratulatory message to the new 28 scholarship students, which is the highest number since Japanese Government launched this program in Cambodia in 1992.

H.E. Mr. Im Sethy and representative of JAC also gave a congratulatory address, listened to eagerly by participants.

Ms. Hong Sokuntheavy spoke on behalf of the new scholarship students and expressed their joy at being selected after a difficult examination, as well as their strong desire to study in Japan, to contribute to the development of Cambodia after their return and to play a great role in strengthening relations between Japan and Cambodia.

During the reception, a photo session was held, and participants enjoyed the rest of the party together.

The 28 students will leave for Japan from April 1 and plan to study in Japan for 3-6 years depending on their courses.



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