



**Embassy of Japan
in the Kingdom of Cambodia
Message from Ambassador Kumamaru Yuji**

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Welcome, the First Direct Flight from Japan!

On 1st September, regular direct flights between Japan and Cambodia will be inaugurated. One of the main Japanese air carriers, All Nippon Airways (ANA), is going to launch the daily flights between Tokyo and Phnom Penh, which will bring Japan much closer to Cambodia.

Direct flights between two countries have been a dream of the peoples of both countries for a long time. I am delighted that the dream has finally come true. I would like to thank everyone, both on Japanese side and Cambodian side, who helped it happen.

I am confident that the direct flights on daily basis between Phnom Penh and Tokyo will bring our bilateral relations to entirely a new level. There will be a lot more people travelling between our two countries, regardless of purposes of their visits.

I would like to warmly welcome you to visit Japan, whether on study, training, business or just visit for sightseeing. Aside from Tokyo, you can also visit many other cities in Japan, by connections through Tokyo (Narita). You will be surprised by the distinct and unique characteristics of each of those cities.

I would like Cambodia people to understand more about my country. I am sure your visit to Japan will help you form a true image of my country, hopefully a good one. This is one good reason, among others, that I feel so happy about the launching of the direct flights.

Welcome you to Japan, everyone!

～Recent Development of Exchanges between Japan and Cambodia～

1 Japanese Official Development Aid provided from FY 1993 to FY 2014

Yen Loan : 868.53 million USD

Grant Aid : 1,754.77 million USD

Technical Assistance : 783.29 million USD (Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)

2 Japanese Investment in Cambodia from 1994 to 2015: Amount of Qualified Investment
Projects of Japanese companies

801 million USD (Source: Council for Development of Cambodia (CDC))

3 Trade between Japan and Cambodia

– Import from Japan to Cambodia

Amount in 2010: 157.83 million USD

Amount in 2015: 301.98 million USD

– Export from Cambodia to Japan

Amount in 2010: 208.25 million USD

Amount in 2015: 968.35 million USD

(Source: Japan Trade Statics, JETRO)

4 Visitors

– Japanese Visitors to Cambodia

Number in 2010: 151,795

Number in 2015: 193,330 (Source: Ministry of Tourism, Cambodia)

– Cambodian Visitors to Japan

Number in 2010: 3,189

Number in 2015: 10,144 (Source: Ministry of Justice, Japan)

5 Residents

- Japanese people living in Cambodia

Number in 2010: 1,029

Number in 2015: 2,492 (Source: Embassy of Japan)

– Cambodian people living in Japan

Number in 2010: 2,683

Number in 2015: 6,111 (Source: Ministry of Justice, Japan)

6 Cambodian ex-MEXT scholarship students studied in Japan
Approx. 1,000 (Source: Embassy of Japan)

7 Cambodian students studying Japanese language
Approx. 4,000 (Source: Embassy of Japan)