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Scholarship Category: College Student

Accepting Institution: Tsuruoka National
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Current Occupation: Chairman of Phnom Penh
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1. Why did you apply to Japanese Government Scholarship?

The reason was simple. It was because I like Electronic field. My father was an electronic appliances repairer. I started to help my father repairing the TV, Stereo and other electronic appliances since I was at elementary school. So, I had no doubt to apply to Japanese Government Scholarship to achieve my dream from being a “Repairer” to a “Maker”. And only Japan could help me at that time. Luckily, I could join Seiko Instruments Co., Ltd. after obtained my degree and became a chip maker for electronic devices such as iPhone.etc before I returned home and started an institute of technology for Cambodian young engineers.

2. How was your study in Japan?

It was a boring, lonely and stressful time at the beginning. We had to live far away from the family, friends and more than these we could not understand Japanese and its culture. But, as the time passed, we started to enjoy our study with our new Japanese and foreign friends. We started to love Japanese food, culture, weather. We knew how to communicate in Japanese. We knew how to spend our time for both study and entertainment happier. Yet, as a college student, the technical learning still made us headache. We had to remember all technical words and understand what the professor explained in Japanese. However, being a challenger, we never gave up. Our efforts with kindly support from Japanese professor and tutor always make us as one of the top students in the class.

3. How is your current life in Cambodia?

We were born and finished our high school in Cambodia. So, it is not a big deal to adopt our live to Cambodian society after returning home. But, graduation from Japanese doesn't assure your high living standard in Cambodia. Besides knowing Japan and

Japanese Technology, we are just like other graduated students in Cambodia. Nothing is special. Go on our challenge is the only way to make our life better. So, we never satisfy the present.

4. Message for this year's applicants.

Don't go to study Japan just because you won the scholarship. Go to Japan because you want to know how Japanese got success in building their modern life. Learning Technology in Japanese school is just a small part of your duty in Japan.