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1. Why did you apply for the Japanese Government Scholarship?

It was my dream since young age of studying abroad whenever there is a chance for me.

Japan was my first choice because, in 1994, only Japan provided scholarship for high school fresh graduated student.

2. Nowadays, Cambodian youths are offered a lot of opportunities of study abroad under the government scholarships of various countries. Compared with the other countries, what are advantages of study in Japan, and what are challenges for Cambodian students?

Japan is one of the most successful countries in term of economy and social welfare in the world. Though Cambodia and Japan are at a very different economic level, as Asian nations, both countries share a very similar culture, way of thinking. Student from Cambodia, in my point of view, can easily and quickly adapt to school atmosphere and life in Japan. Supportive attitude of Japanese people is also good for student from Cambodia.

However, language is a big challenge for Cambodian students in Japan. Since most lessons at schools are conducted in Japanese, Cambodian students, who were allowed to study Japanese language only for 6 to 12 months, need to work very hard to catch classes.

3. After finishing study in Japan, many of ex-scholarship recipients have been actively contributing to the development of Cambodia utilizing the expertise and skills they

acquired in Japan. How do you utilize such expertise and skills in your work now? Is there any other benefit of study in Japan for your current daily life?

Actually I am not working in the field I had learnt in Semmongakkou. However, communication skills, Japanese language and Japanese culture understanding which I acquired at Semmongakkou and after match always help me a lot in doing business and working in Japanese company.

4. As you know, the MEXT Scholarship has become one of the most competitive scholarship examinations in Cambodia. We got totally around 1,300 Cambodian applicants for 4 categories last year, and the candidates must survive at a really tough competition among international candidates even they passed the in-country exam. Taking your experience into account, what do you think what tips for passing the MEXT scholarship examination are?

First of all, candidates have to study hard and make clear of what they want to study about in Japan.

Secondly, talk to those people who had studied in Japan as many as possible.

5. Message for this year's applicants.

Work hard to get your ticket first. After you have it in hand, the world is open for you. Don't study only what your teachers teach you, but learn what you want to learn about.