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1. Why did you apply to Japanese Government Scholarship?

There were 3 major reasons why I wished to receive the scholarship. Firstly, in response to national's needs of human resources to re-build and develop the country after long-lasting war and conflict. I would like to help re-building our home land. Secondly, it was very great honor for those who won MEXT scholarship in my generation. MEXT scholarship winners were perceived to be one of the best performance students. Finally, personally, I would like to adventure in developed countries like Japan.

2. How was your study in Japan?

I studied in Japan in various fields- Japanese language, Tourism, Development Economics, and finally International Development specialized in Rural Development program. I learned from Japan the ways she has built her economics and country from war-torn stage (WWII) to today's this much powerful, in order to apply to re-build Cambodia.

I learned both in schools and out of school – in societies and companies. In schools, students were much more trained to be self-studied in libraries rather than listening to lecturers alone. In societies, I learned non-written real histories, customs and thinking of Japanese people. It was the greatest opportunities I had ever received in my life.

3. How is your current life in Cambodia?

Originally, my objectives of studying in Japan were to Japan to learn from Japan for development of Cambodia. Now it is the best time to come back when economics of Cambodia is taking off and I could use my skills.

In CJCC, I could use all my knowledge and experience very well that strengthens relationship between Cambodia and Japan and development of Cambodia.

4. Message for this year's applicants.

Even we have more opportunities to study in other countries such as America, Australia, EU and so on, studying in Japan still the best place to pursue. Researches in Natural Sciences fields and Technologies are the best among developed countries. The knowledge is the basic for industrialization a nation, and Cambodia needs it in the future. The more we learning from Japan's national development process, the more we could move ourselves out poverty trap that ensures economic growth of our nation. Please try hard to pursue opportunities from this year's scholarship scheme.

Personally, life is challenging world. Please go out and challenge as much as possible when you are young, especially women. Whatever you challenged and whatever you learned during your study in Japan will become knowledge, experiences and network that you could cultivate later when you start to work.