



**Speech by H.E. Mr. KUROKI Masafumi,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan
to the Kingdom of Cambodia
At the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for Japan's Grant
Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects
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- Mr. Kuch Rosal(クイ・ロサール), Executive Director of Cambodian Building Organization,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign the contract of the Grant Assistance with Cambodian Building Organization for the construction of rainwater tanks in Sangkae District, Battambang province.

The grant assistance of USD 108,900 provided today to Cambodian Building Organization is to construct rainwater tanks and install water filters at 16 Primary schools in Sangkae District in Battambang Province. The students of these schools are exposed to health problems because of the lack of safe drinking water. This assistance will improve the quality of drinking water and benefit more than 8,700 students and teachers at these schools.

Access to safe water is one of the Cambodian Millennium Development Goals and it is the basis of sound health conditions. As one of the priority sectors of its assistance, Japanese Government has been supporting the improvement of safe water supply in urban and rural areas in Cambodia. I hope that this project will also contribute to the safe water access and the health conditions of the children at Sangkae District.

On this occasion, I would like to ask the representatives of these schools to use the rainwater tanks and water filters properly and maintain them regularly in order to guarantee the quality of water for a long time.

Lastly, I hope that the project will further strengthen the friendly relations between Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you for your attention.