

Speech by H.E.Mr. Masafumi KUROKI  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan  
to the Kingdom of Cambodia  
At the Contract Signing Ceremony for Japan's Grant Assistance  
for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects  
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- Mr. Kreal Roeung, Director of Pea Raing Operational District
- Mr. Hout Kalyan, Director of Pea Raing Referral Hospital
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign a contract with Pea Raing Operational District to provide the Grass-roots Grant Assistance of the Japanese Government. This grant assistance of USD 97,100 is provided for the construction of a general medical care ward in Pea Raing Referral Hospital.

Pea Raing Referral Hospital is a central hospital in Prey Veng Province, contributing to the health care and medical treatment of 200,000 people in the region. The number of patients of this Hospital is rapidly increasing thanks to the efforts of the medical doctors and staff of the hospital for the improvement of medical services, the financial support for medical fees of poor people and the assistance of the Japanese NGO "Japan Hearts" for surgical operations.

Because of the rapid increase of the patients, particularly those who need to be hospitalized, the hospital has become overcrowded and there is a significant shortage of beds. The grant assistance we provide today will expand the facilities of the hospital by constructing a new two-storied building for general medical care with the possibility to put 30 beds.

I hope that this project will further improve the medical services for both the outpatients and inpatients of the hospital

and contribute to the welfare of the people in the region.

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

Thank you for your attention.