



**Speech by H.E. Mr. KUROKI Masafumi,
Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia
At the Contract Signing Ceremony for
Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project
February 8, 2012**

- Mr. Ung Pola, Executive Director of Cambodia Organization for Children and Development
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign the contract with Cambodian Organization for Children and Development (COCD).

The Grant Assistance of USD 65,750 is provided for the construction of a new school building with five classrooms with chairs and desks, toilette facilities and a water tank at Kset Borey Primary School in Pursat Province.

Based on the request made by COCD and the field survey conducted by Embassy's staff, we recognized the urgent need of the construction of a new building of classrooms to replace the old building and to give access to the increasing number of children to the Kset Borey Primary School.

One of the priorities of Japanese Government's cooperation for the Kingdom of Cambodia is to improve the education sector. Japan has been supporting the construction of school buildings at primary and secondary schools in order to advance the education for all, and conducting the teachers' training to enhance the quality of education.

I hope that the construction of the school building and other facilities will improve the study conditions of the children and increase the capacity of the School to admit the children from Santrae community, Mul community and Raing Kvaov community of Kset Borey village.

I expect that the Project signed today will be implemented smoothly by COCD and maintained properly by the teachers and students of the School. Lastly, I hope that the assistance for this Project will further strengthen the friendly relations between Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you for your attention.