



**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 14, 2012**

- Ms. Elisa Lieke, COENEGRACHTS, Representative of Instituto per Cooperazione allo Sviluppo- Phnom Penh,
- Mr. Nhek Kunthea, Director of Provincial Department of Industry, Mines and Energy of Kampong Thom Province,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign the contract with ICS-PP for the Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project today.

The Grant Assistance of USD 59,734 is provided for the construction of the clean water network extension of the Taing Krasaing Water Authority in Kampong Thom Province.

Based on the request made by ICS-PP and the field survey conducted by Embassy's staff, we recognized the urgent need of the extension of clean water network in order to provide the residents of Prasat village and Traeuy Miab village with safe water.

One of the priorities of Japanese Government's cooperation for the Kingdom of Cambodia is to provide the safe water in urban areas such as Phnom Penh and Siem Reap as well as in rural areas.

I hope that the construction of the extension network of clean water supply will improve the access to safe water for 454 families in two villages. I understand that the training of the villagers on hygiene and the distribution of hygiene manuals to the villagers will be undertaken by ICS-PP in this Project. I hope that the villagers will get enough information on how to use clean water efficiently and how to prevent the infectious diseases.

Lastly, I hope that the Project signed today will be implemented smoothly by ICS-PP and maintained properly by the Taing Krasaing Water Authority and the villagers. I also hope that this Project will further strengthen the friendly relations between Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you for your attention.