

**Speech by Mr. KAWAMURA Hiroshi,
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At the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for
Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects
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- Dr. SAM Inn, Executive Director of Life With Dignity,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign the contract of the Grant Assistance with Life With Dignity for the construction of Anheases Primary School and Piem Primary School.

Education and human resources development are a foundation for future development of Cambodia. The Government of Cambodia puts a high priority on these areas, which constitute one of the four pillars of its Rectangular Strategy for national development. Bearing in mind its importance, the Japanese Government has been providing assistance to the education sector both in hardware and software.

The grant assistance provided today to Life With Dignity is to construct 4-room and 5-room concrete school buildings and to improve the sanitation facilities for Anheases Primary School and Piem Primary School in Thpong district, Kampong Speu province. I heard that the wooden school buildings of the both schools are half-ruined and the students have difficulty in concentrating on their study in the classrooms. With this project, a total of around 400 children in the remote area will be able to study in improved education environment.

I hope that this project will encourage children at Anheases Primary School and Piem Primary School to study much harder for themselves as well as for the development of their mother country. I also hope that the students will keep the school clean and proper for themselves as well as for the children who will study at the two schools in the future.

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

Thank you for your attention.