

**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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- Mr. SUOS Siphay, Chief of Taches Commune Council
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign the contract of the Grant Assistance with Taches Commune Council, Kampong Tralach District, Kampong Chhnang Province, for the construction of Taches River Wharf in Kampong Chhnang Province.

The grant will enable the Taches commune council in Kampong Chhnang Province to construct a concrete river wharf and pontoon along the Tonle Sap River as replacement for a wooden facility. With this new wharf, 28,720 people of 4 Communes will be able to cross the Tonle Sap River safely throughout a year and they will face no difficulty to access schools and clinics.

It is also expected that the new wharf will promote economic activities, thus revitalizing the area around the facility, with the assistance of Asian Development Bank, which is rehabilitating the road connecting this river wharf with Kampong Speu province.

I expect that the Project signed today will be implemented smoothly by Taches Commune Council and maintained properly.

Last but not least, I hope that the project will further strengthen the friendly relations between Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you for your attention.