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Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects
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- Mr. CHEA Cheath, Director of the Department of Education, Youth and Sport of Phnom Penh Capital City,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign the contract of the Grant Assistance with the Department of Education, Youth and Sport of Phnom Penh Capital City for the construction of Prek Phnov Primary School.

I believe education and human resource development build 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. Accordingly, the Japanese Government has been providing assistance to the education sector both in hardware and software.

The grant assistance provided today to the Department of Education, Youth and Sport of Phnom Penh Capital City is to construct a concrete school building with 7 classrooms and a sanitation facility for Prek Phnov Primary School in Phnom Penh. We noted that currently 9 out of 32 classes had to borrow classrooms from a nearby secondary school because of the lack of classrooms. With this project, over 1,100 children will be able to study in their own classrooms.

I hope that the children at Prek Phnov Primary School will study efficiently in an improved study conditions. Thus, I would like to request the students to keep the school clean and proper for themselves as well as for the children who will study at the school 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.