

**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. Mok Mai (モク・マイ), President of Advocacy Team of Associations and NGOs,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign the contract of the Grant Assistance with Advocacy Team of Associations and NGOs for printing voters' guide for the commune council election in 2012.

After the re-birth as new Kingdom in 1993, Cambodia has steadily made strides forward and achieved considerable progress in various sectors as an emerging democratic country through several elections. All the Cambodian people may know that election is one of the most important and vital tools to realize the democracy and reflect the voices of ordinary people into the national and local policies. It is essential to keep free and fair elections and to raise the voting rate as high as possible for ensuring the effectiveness of elections.

In this regard, the Japanese Government decided to provide the "KUSANONE" Grant, the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, of 90,900 USD for the project to print the Voters' Guide, which contains basic information about the election such as the right to vote, the voting procedure and the electoral process. Through this project, we note that more than 3 million voters all over the country will receive useful information of the Commune Council Election on June this year.

I hope that this voters' guide will be helpful for high rate of voters' participation to the coming election and believe that this cooperation will further strengthen the friendly relations between Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you for your attention.