

**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. Li Chong Theng, Director of the Department of Education, Youth and Sport of Kandal Province,
- Ms. Chhin Sovan, Director of Kandal Provincial Teacher Training College,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign the Grant Assistance with Kandal Provincial Teacher Training College for the construction of a science laboratory.

Human Resources Development is the key to the future development of Cambodia. With a view to improving the quality of science education, JICA has been providing the training for science teachers at Regional Teacher Training Centers and Provincial Teacher Training Colleges since 2008. The project of the construction of a science laboratory is closely linked with the training of science teachers and this combination is expected to produce the synergy effect.

The grant assistance, provided today to construct a science laboratory building and install school furniture for Kandal Provincial Teacher Training College, will help trainers and trainees of the college to work on science experiments without difficulties.

This project will be able to provide better science education to about 240 trainees who will become primary school teachers in Kandal province after graduation. We expect that more than 180,000 primary school students in the province will receive better science education from the newly trained teachers.

I hope that the Project signed today will be implemented smoothly and maintained properly by the people concerned and contribute to the development of human resources in Cambodia.

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

Thank you for your attention.