Speech by H.E. Mr. Masafumi KUROKI Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan To the Kingdom of Cambodia At the Exchange of Notes Signing Ceremony March 20th, 2012

- -His Excellency Mr. OUCH Borith, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation,
- -Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign today the Exchange of Notes of two grant assistance provided by the Government of Japan.

The first grant is Non-project Grant Aid with the amount of 600 million Japanese Yen, equivalent to 7.5 million US dollars. This grant is provided to the Government of Cambodia to purchase construction equipments. These equipments will be provided to the Ministry of Public Works and Transport and they will be utilized for the restoration of the roads damaged by the floods of last year. They will be also utilized for the road maintenance in order to secure the smooth transport network.

The second grant is provided for the Improvement of Medical Equipment with the amount of 374 million Japanese yen, equivalent to 4.7 million US dollars. This grant will be utilized to purchase the basic medical equipment such as X-ray equipments,

echography equipments and patient monitors. These equipments will be installed in four (4) National Hospitals and seventeen (17) Municipal and Provincial Referral Hospitals in order to improve the quality of their medical services.

I believe that these two grants will contribute to the improvement of economic and social development of Cambodia.

I sincerely hope that they will also strengthen the friendly relations between Japan and the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Thank you for your kind attention.