

**Speech by Mr. KAWAMURA Hiroshi,  
Deputy Chief of Mission / Minister,  
Embassy of Japan to the Kingdom of Cambodia  
At the Contract Signing Ceremony for Japan's Grant Assistance  
for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects  
March 23, 2012.**

- Mr. HOEUNG Thol, Director of Cheung Prey-Batheay Operational District,
- Mr. Yim Chanta, Director of Cheung Prey Referral Hospital,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign a contract with Cheung Prey-Batheay Operational District for Grass-roots Human Security Project today.

The Grant Assistance of USD 92,290 is provided for installing medical equipment in Cheung Prey Referral Hospital in Kampong Cham Province.

Based on the request made by Cheung Prey-Batheay Operational District and the field survey conducted by Embassy's staff, we recognized the urgent need of medical equipment for the operating room in Cheung Prey Referral Hospital in order to improve emergency medical services and surgical operations.

One of the priorities of Japanese Government's cooperation for the Kingdom of Cambodia is to support the health sector. In accordance with the National Strategic Development Plan, we have been supporting referral hospitals in Provinces in order to improve medical services for regional residents.

Through this project the patients at the Cheung Prey Referral Hospital will be able to receive better surgical operations. In addition, as a Japanese NGO "Japan Heart" is currently assisting the capacity building for surgical operations at the hospital, the synergy effect is also expected.

I firmly believe that this project will benefit 200,000 people in Cheung Prey District and Batheay District of Kampong Cham Province. I sincerely hope that this Project will further strengthen the friendly relations between Japanese and Cambodian people.

Thank you for your attention.