

**Speech by H.E. KUROKI Masafumi,
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to the Kingdom of Cambodia
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for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects
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- Dr. Kimsour Phirun, Director of Kampong Cham Provincial Health Department,
- Dr. Meas Chea, Hospital Director of Kampong Cham Provincial Referral Hospital,
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to sign a contract of the Grant Assistance with the Kampong Cham Provincial Referral Hospital. The Grant Assistance amounting to USD 123,304 is provided for the construction of a training ward at the Hospital which includes a lecture hall, training rooms, accommodation facility and reference room.

The Government of Cambodia has put a high priority on the improvement of the health sector and continuously tackled with the challenges of health issues. Accordingly, the Government of Japan has been supporting the Cambodia's efforts through construction of hospital buildings, provision of medical equipment and human resources development.

The Government of Japan has already provided grant assistance of USD 12 million to the Kampong Cham Provincial Referral Hospital for the construction of the Obstetrics/Gynecology and Surgery Ward, Surgical Operation Theater and Emergency/Imaging section with necessary medical equipment. The Project was inaugurated with high presence of Samdech Techo Prime Minister Hun Sen in January 2011.

The new Project we signed today will benefit about 1,000 medical service staff and medical students coming from Kampong Cham, Kampong Thom, Prey Veng and Svay Rieng Provinces to participate in the training courses conducted in the Hospital. The construction of a training ward within the Hospital compound will enable the medical staff of the Hospital to receive training and to continue medical services for the patients. These training facilities will also facilitate the training courses of midwives, which are actually implemented by Japanese technical cooperation.

I strongly believe that the new training facilities, together with the Japanese assistance already provided to the Hospital, will contribute to the capacity development of medical staff and the improvement of the quality of medical services at the Hospital. I hope that the Kampong Cham Provincial Hospital will continue to play a vital role to provide good health services for the people of the eastern region of Cambodia.

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

Thank you very much for your attention.