



# **Embassy of Japan**

## **in the Kingdom of Cambodia**

**Speech by H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji**  
**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan**  
**to the Kingdom of Cambodia**  
**At the Handing-over Ceremony of Japanese Emergency Assistance**  
**to the Kingdom of Cambodia in response to the Flood Disaster**  
**October 23, 2013**

- **Excellency Dr. NHIM Vanda**, Senior Minister and First Vice-President of the National Committee for Disaster Management,
- Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to hand-over, on behalf of the Government of Japan and Japanese people, our emergency assistance to the Kingdom of Cambodia, in response to flood disaster.

First of all, on behalf of the Government of Japan and Japanese people, I would like to express my deepest condolences to the Royal Government of Cambodia and Cambodian people for the loss of lives and damages caused by the recent flood.

This year, a spell of heavy rain began in late September, and subsequently, inundated many farmlands in northwestern part of the country, forcing many people to evacuate.

In order to respond to the disaster situation, the Government of Japan has decided to extend emergency relief assistance composed of 50 generators, 2,100 polyester tanks, 45 water purifiers and 45 water tanks, which are worth 32 million Japanese yen or approximately 320,000 US dollars.

Recalling the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami in March 2011, when Japan suffered a great loss of lives and livelihood, international community including Cambodia immediately reached out their hands to Japan. The Japanese people are greatly relieved by such quick assistance. I strongly hope that the emergency relief materials we provide now will contribute to the alleviation of suffering of the people affected by the recent flood in Cambodia.

In addition, I am glad that the Cambodian Government has been fully utilizing heavy equipment provided earlier by Japan for repairing the embankments, canals and irrigation systems destroyed by flood. The equipment was provided to the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology and the Ministry of Public Works and Transport through separate grant schemes for flood prevention in 2011 and 2013, and I am hopeful that the equipment will facilitate the restoration works so that the affected people can return to a normal life as soon as possible.

Finally, let me conclude my remarks by expressing my sincere gratitude and appreciation to H.E. Dr. Senior Minister and First Vice-President of the National Committee for Disaster Management and its staff members who will engage in the delivery of the Japanese emergency relief to the people in need. Let me reiterate my hope that our assistance will mitigate the impact and the suffering of people caused by the recent flood.

Thank you.