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**Speech by H.E. Mr. KUMAMARU Yuji**  
**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan**  
**to the Kingdom of Cambodia**  
**At the Handover Ceremony of Emergency Assistance**  
**to People Affected by the Recent Flood in Poh Rieng District,**  
**Prey Veng Province**  
**29 October 2013**

- His Excellency Mr. NHIM Vanda, Senior Minister and First Vice-President of the National Disaster Management Committee,
- Dear Cambodian people in Poh Rieng District,

It is a great pleasure for me to attend the handover ceremony of Japanese emergency assistance to the people in Poh Rieng District, Prey Veng Province.

First of all, on behalf of the Government and people of Japan, I would like to express my deepest condolences to the families who have lost loved ones due to the recent flood. I strongly hope that the flood situation will be alleviated and the people's lives will be back to normal soon.

Because of a series of heavy rains since the beginning of September, more than 20 provinces across the country have suffered from serious flooding, forcing many people to evacuate and inundating a large sector of farmland. Accordingly, the Japanese Government has decided to provide emergency relief assistances composed of 50 generators, 2,100 polyester tanks, 45 water purifiers and 45 water tanks, worth 32 million Japanese yen or around 320,000 US dollars.

Today, I am very pleased to hand over the emergency supplies to you in collaboration with the NCDM. In addition to this, I have brought boxes of instant noodles and fish cans which were donated by the Japanese staff working at the Embassy of Japan and JICA in Phnom Penh. Although these items are not enough to compensate the damage by the flood, I am hopeful that it can be a little help to alleviate your difficult situations.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to H.E. Senior Minister and First Vice-President of the National Disaster Management Committee and its staff members who engage in the delivery of the Japanese emergency relief to the people in need. I strongly hope that the assistances will further strengthen the existing friendly relations between Cambodian and Japanese people.

Thank you.