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At the Handover Ceremony of “the Project for the Improvement of Educational Equipment of the Department of Geo-Resources and Geotechnical Engineering of ITC ” and “the Project for Educational Capacity Development of ITC”

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- His Excellency Dr. Hang Chuon Naron, Minister of Education, Youth and Sport,
- His Excellency Dr. OM Romny, Director General of Institute of Technology of Cambodia,
- Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to handover the equipment provided under two Japanese government’s projects, “the Project for the Improvement of Educational Equipment of the Department of Geo-Resources and Geotechnical Engineering of the ITC” and “the Project for Educational Capacity Development of ITC”. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to H.E. Dr. Hang Chuon Naron and H.E. Dr. OM Romny and their staff for the arrangement of and attendance to the ceremony this morning.

I am particularly glad that the ceremony takes place in the special context of the Year 2013 which marks the 60th Anniversary of Japan-Cambodia Friendship. I sincerely hope the two projects will contribute to furthering relations between the peoples of Japan and the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The main components of the equipment handovered today is apparatus and materials for scientific and laboratory experiments conducted by three

departments of ITC, the Department of Geo-Resources and Geotechnical Engineering, the Department of Industrial and Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Electrical and Energy Engineering. The equipment is worth one hundred eighty seven million and seven hundred thousand Japanese Yen (¥187,700,000), equivalent to roughly one million and nine hundred thousand dollars (1,900,000USD).

The purpose of both projects aims at nurturing human resource with scientific knowledge and aspiration. I believe that human resources hold a key for steady and sustainable development of any country. In fact, Japan, with few natural resources, had always placed an importance on education from primary level to higher level in its process of development. In Cambodia's context, the enhancement of human resources is significantly more important because of the impact of its long civil war. The need for human resource development has become more urgent in Cambodia because there is an increased demand for engineers and technicians, as Cambodia's potential for the oil and mining industry is widely known.

I strongly hope that the equipment provided today will be fully taken advantages of by the students of the three departments of ITC and that it will help ITC nurturing human resources that are necessary for the emerging industries in Cambodia.

Finally let me wish the ITC all the best in continuously improving the learning environment. Let me also wish ITC students every success in your endeavor for the future.

Thank you.