

Speech by Mr. UZAWA Kazuhiro
Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan
at the Inauguration Ceremony
of 16 Water Tanks at Sangkae District,
Battambang Province, December 11, 2013

- H.E. Mr. U Ry,
Deputy Governor of Battambang province,
- H.E. Mr. Truong Mealy, CBO Advisor and Senior Advisor to the
National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia
- Mr. KUCH Rosal, Executive Director of the Cambodian
Building Organization (CBO)
- Excellencies, distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is a great pleasure for me to attend today's ceremony for the inauguration of 16 water tanks at Sangkae District in Battambang Province, with the high presence of H.E. Mr. Truong Mealy, CBO Advisor and Senior Advisor to the National Assembly of the Kingdom of Cambodia. First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the CBO and the local residents who arranged today's ceremony.

I am particularly glad that this ceremony takes place in the special context of this year 2013 which marks the 60th anniversary of Japan-Cambodia Friendship.

Providing safe water has been a priority of Japan's cooperation to Cambodia, and in fact, various water treatment projects have been implemented in urban areas as well as in rural areas. In Battambang province, a project for constructing 16 rain water tanks in Sangkae District is currently conducted.

I heard that the construction of water tanks in 16 primary schools would benefit 8,464 students and 324 teachers in Sangkae District to have better access to safe water. I was also informed that the maintenance committees of these water tanks were organized by teachers at each school supported by the CBO. I am hopeful that these committees will maintain water tanks in proper manner so that the beneficiaries could use them in hygienic condition.

Last but not least, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the people who have contributed to the smooth implementation of the projects. I strongly hope that these water tanks will become a symbol of the friendship between the two countries and further strengthen the friendly relations between the Japanese and Cambodian people. Thank you very much for your attention.