

Speech by Mr. CHIBA Taizo
Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan
at the Inauguration Ceremony
of Drainage System and Road of Sangkae Pi Commune in Preah Vihear Province,
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- Venerable Monks ,
- H.E. Mr. Long Sovann , Chief of Provincial Council
- Mr. SAM Leangtry, Director of Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport
- Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a great pleasure for me to attend today's ceremony for the inauguration of Drainage System and Road of Sangkae Pi Commune in Preah Vihear Province with the high presence of H.E. Mr. Long Sovann, Chief of Provincial Council. First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport, as well as the local residents who arranged today's ceremony.

As it has been a priority of Japan's cooperation to Cambodia, and in fact, various projects to improving drainage system projects have been implemented in urban areas as well as in rural areas. The project for installing two culverts and rehabilitation of 4,000m laterite road in Sangkae Pi Commune was conducted this time in Preah Vihear Province.

I understand that the construction of Drainage System in Sangkae Pi Commune and rehabilitated road would benefit nearly 1,500 people living in 3 villages providing easier access to a provincial hospital, junior high school and primary school. It is also expected that project will contribute to revitalizing the local economy as well.

I am hopeful that Preah Vihear Provincial Department of Public Works and Transport will maintain the drainage system and the road in proper manner so that the local residents could benefit for longer period of time.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the all concerned who have contributed to the smooth implementation of the projects. I strongly hope that this drainage system and the road 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.